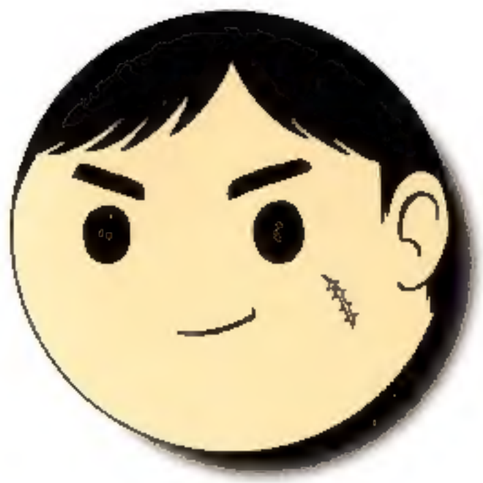

著者近影

よく考えるんだけど、どれか一丁選べって言われたら何にするかなって。そんトキの状況にもとるんだけど日本だとすると38か12番、223、308ってとこだろうね。やっぱ弾が無きゃね、手に入りやすいヤツでないと。

それで一丁選んでそれを使う状況になったとする。さて、どうするか？

とりあえず撃って、相手がどっかに隠れたら回れ右して逃げるだろうな、オレだったら。

そんな事になったら、やだなーとぼやーっと考えたりしてます。

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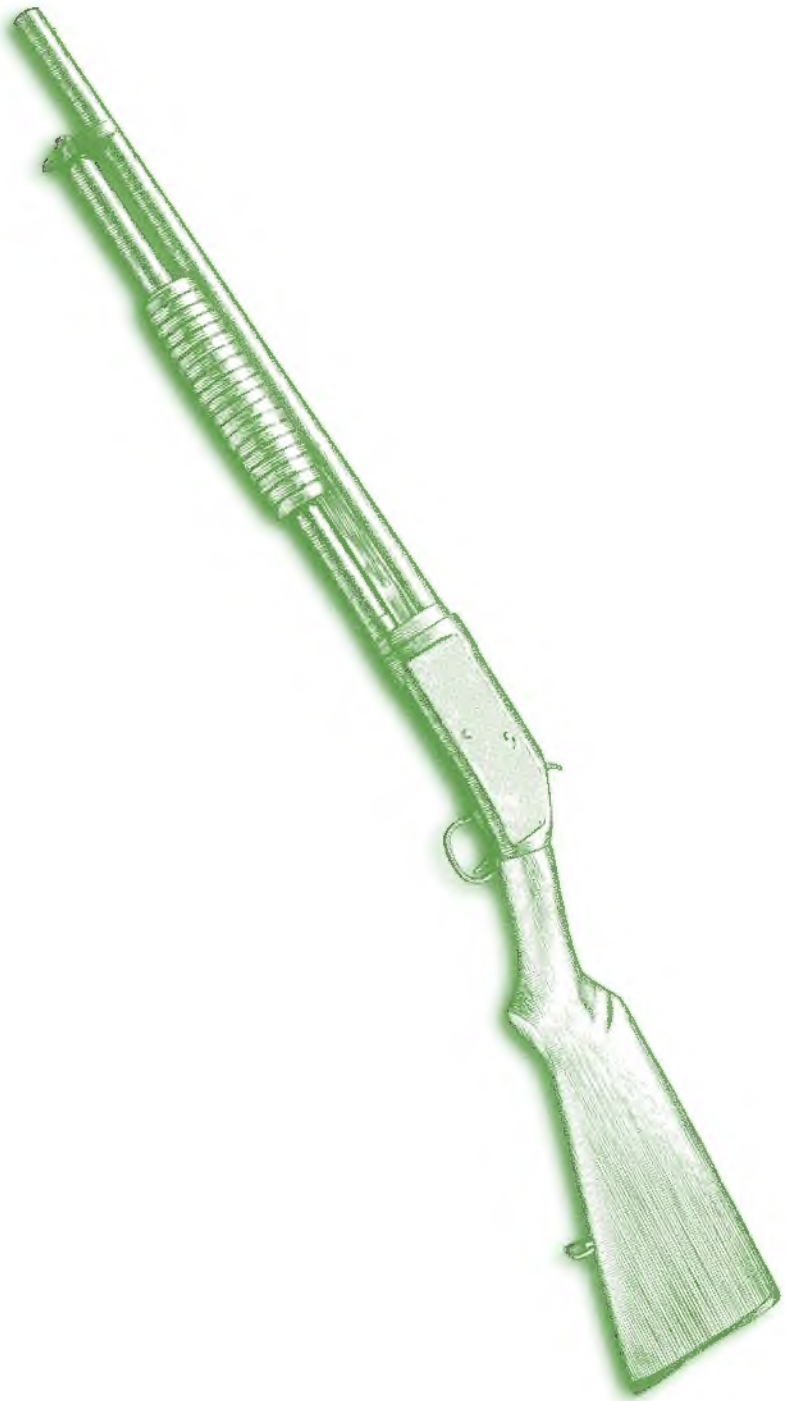

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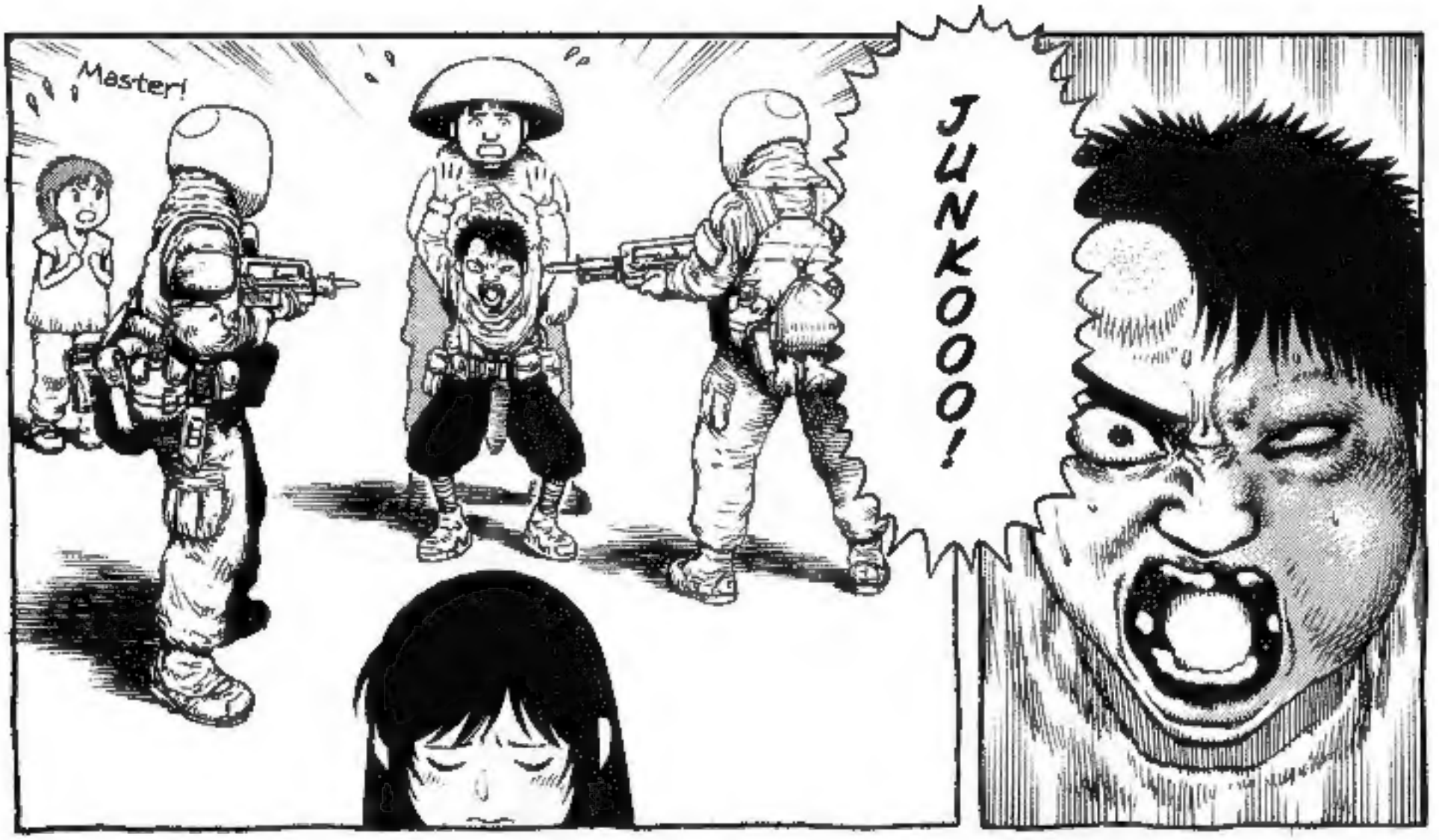
IT MAY BE THE LAST TIME YOU SEE ME...


Master!
JUNKOOO!

I END UP IN AN AWKWARD SITUATION.
TO BE HONEST...
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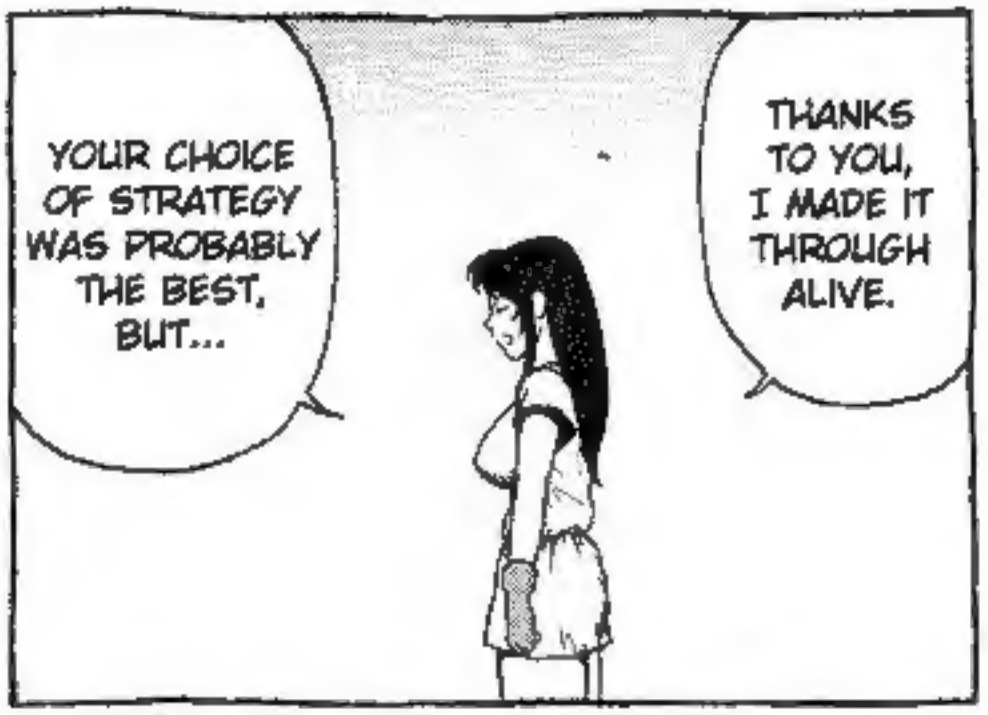
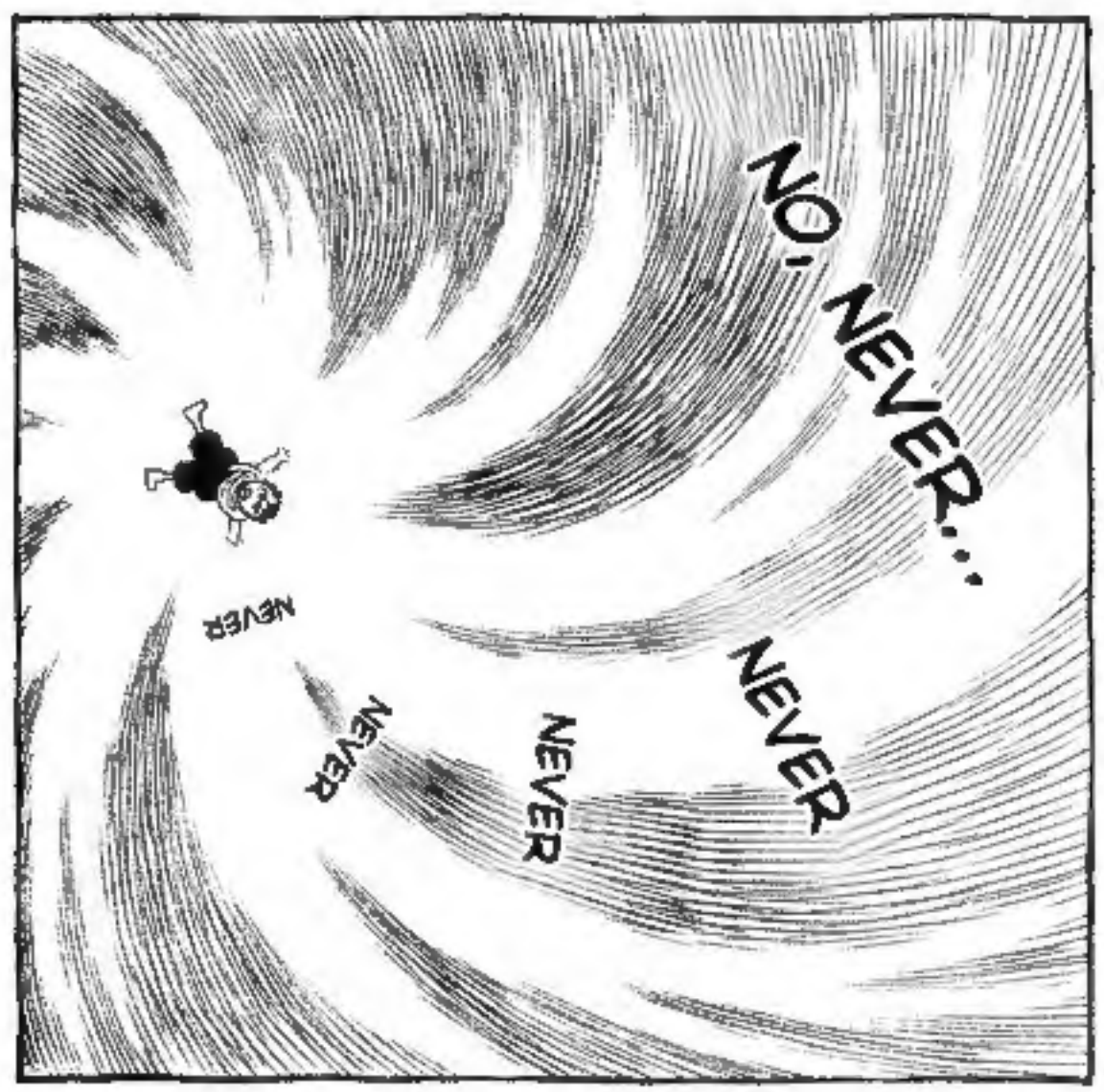

YOUR CHOICE OF STRATEGY WAS PROBABLY THE BEST, BUT...
THANKS TO YOU, I MADE IT THROUGH ALIVE.

YOU'RE AT YOUR LIMIT.

I KNOW YOU DID YOUR BEST.
IT'S JUST THAT...
OH WELL, I'M NOT COMPLAINING TO YOU.

"YOU TOLD ME TO SEE TO IT THAT YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH ME", BUT...
YES, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO REPLY.

IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN.


NO, NEVER...
NEVER
NEVER
NEVER

THE BIG BREASTED GIRL...

THE ONE YOU'RE DREAMING OF...

HI HI HI

HI HI

BIDS YOU FARE-WELL...

YOOOOOOO

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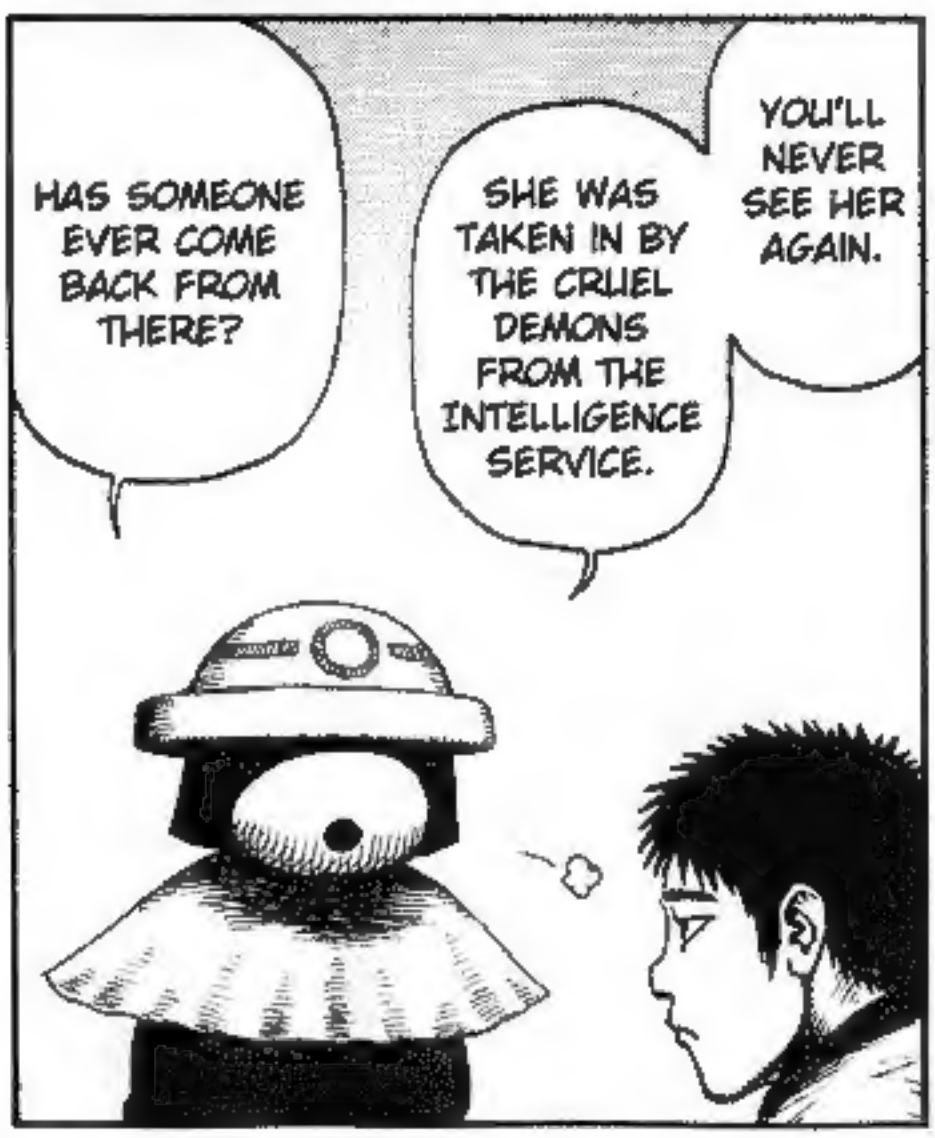
HAS SOMEONE EVER COME BACK FROM THERE?
SHE WAS TAKEN IN BY THE CRUEL DEMONS FROM THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.
YOU'LL NEVER SEE HER AGAIN.

I'M SICK OF SEEING YOU LIKE THIS. IT'S BEEN A WEEK NOW, PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER.
MASTER...

HIHIHI!
SHE HAD IT COMING!
SURELY SHE'S FACING A HEROICAL DEATH UNDER TORTURE BY NOW.
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YOU'RE SO FREAKED OUT THAT YOU'RE CLINGING ON TO YOUR WEAPON.
And you're wasting battery by staying in a hole for nothing
YOU'RE STARTING TO GET ON MY NERVES.
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF! THERE'S WORK TO DO!
THE MISS BIG BOSOM YOU LOVE SO MUCH IS NO MORE.

SHE'S GONNA TELL EVERYTHING SHE KNOWS ABOUT US...
WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WILL COME DOWN ON US.
BUT...

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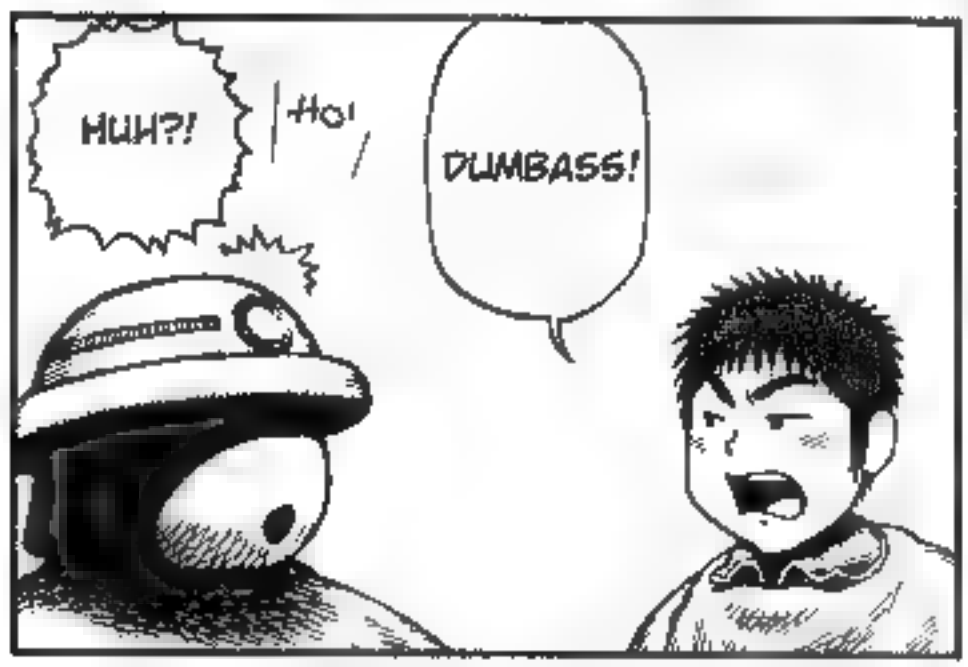
HA HA HA HA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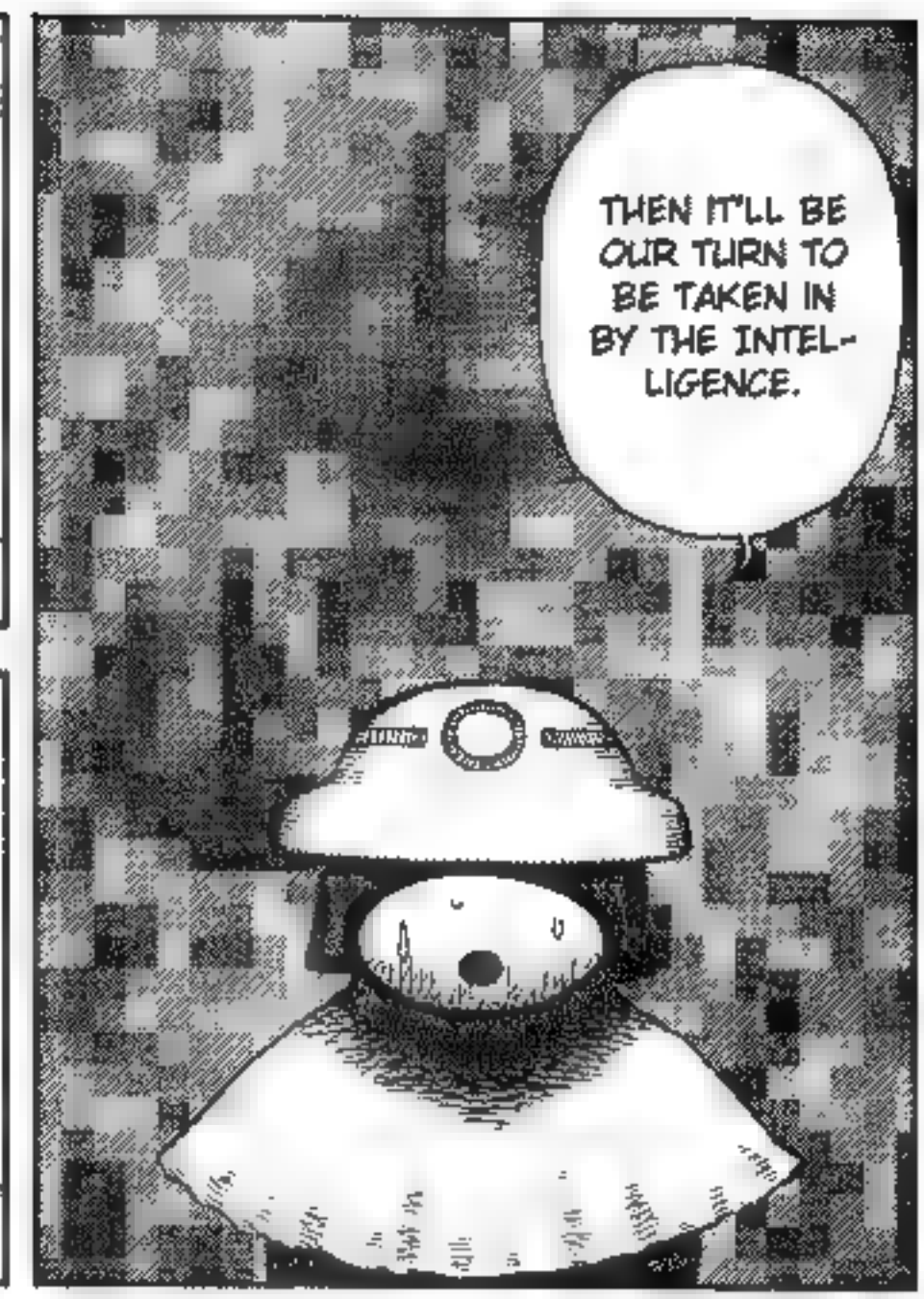
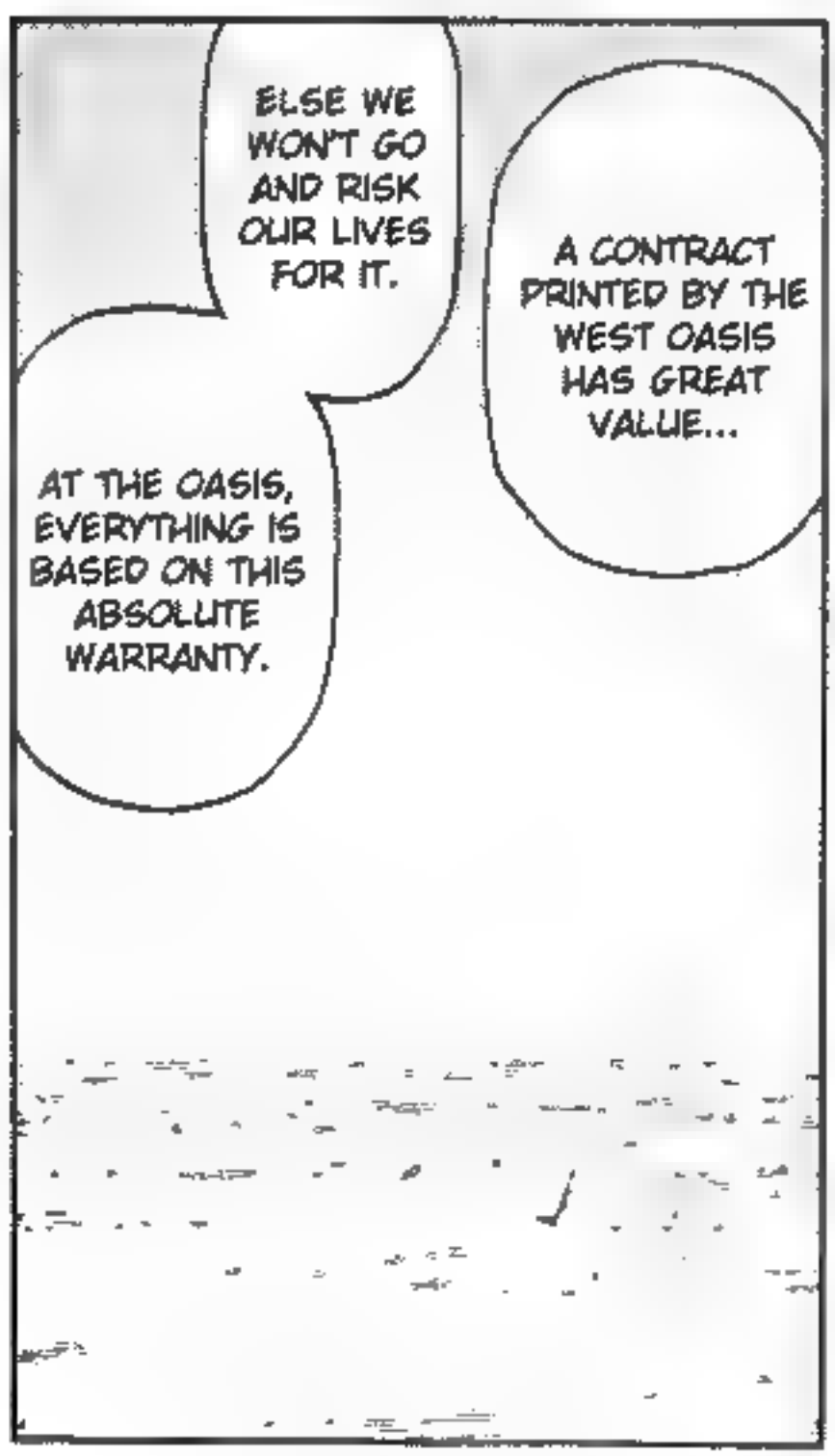
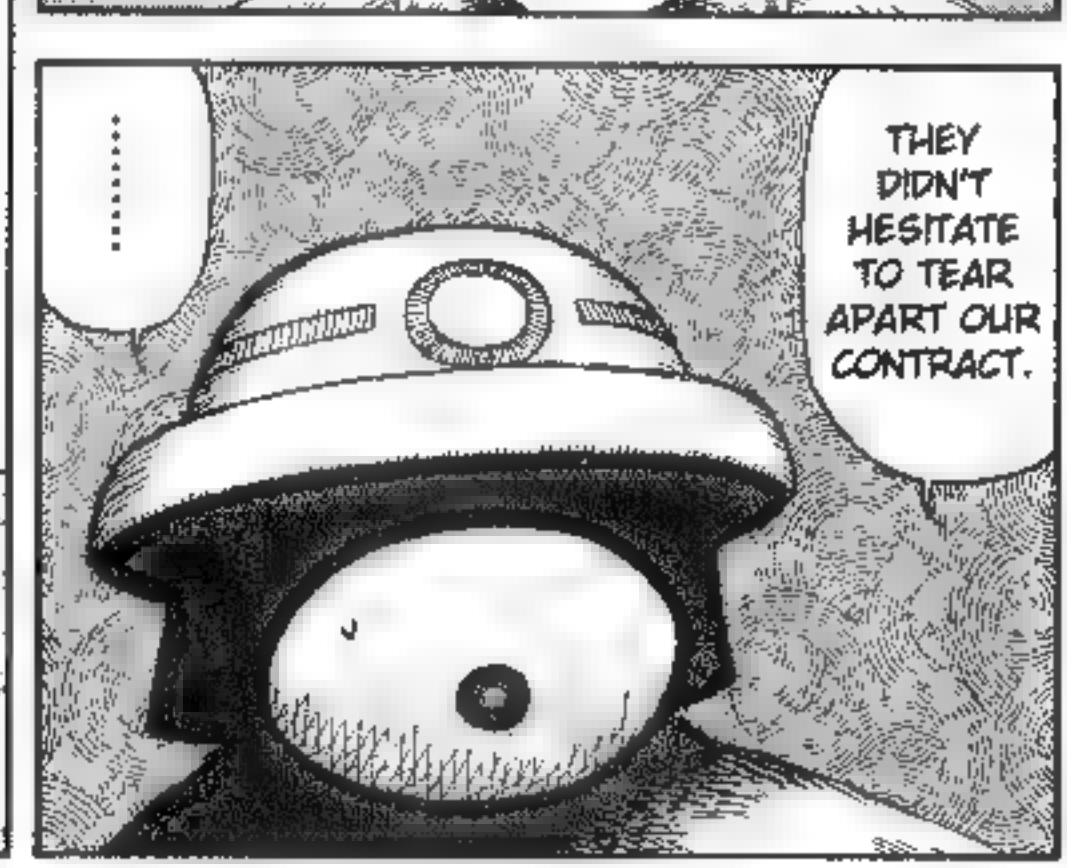
Ho!
DUMBASS!


THEN IT'LL BE OUR TURN TO BE TAKEN IN BY THE INTEL-LIGENCE.


ELSE WE WON'T GO AND RISK OUR LIVES FOR IT.
A CONTRACT PRINTED BY THE WEST OASIS HAS GREAT VALUE...
AT THE OASIS, EVERYTHING IS BASED ON THIS ABSOLUTE WARRANTY.

IT WOULD BE USELESS TO TRY ANY-THING.
IF THAT WAS THEIR INTENT...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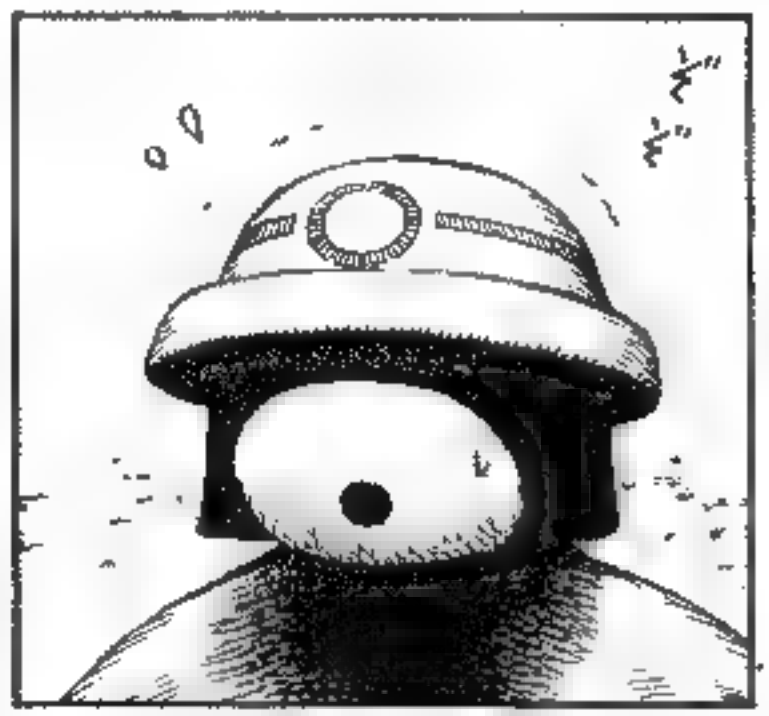
THEY DIDN'T HESITATE TO TEAR APART OUR CONTRACT.

IT'S A GOVERNMENT AGENT, PROTECTED BY THE SAME GOVERNEMENT, WHO TORE UP OUR CONTRACT.

STILL...

OUR SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON THE GOVERNMENT.

US? WE'RE NOTHING.



WE WILL DECIDE A COURSE OF ACTION WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT.

DON'T YOU SEE?

WHAT DO WE DO THEN?

LET'S KEEP A COOL HEAD ABOUT THIS FOR NOW.

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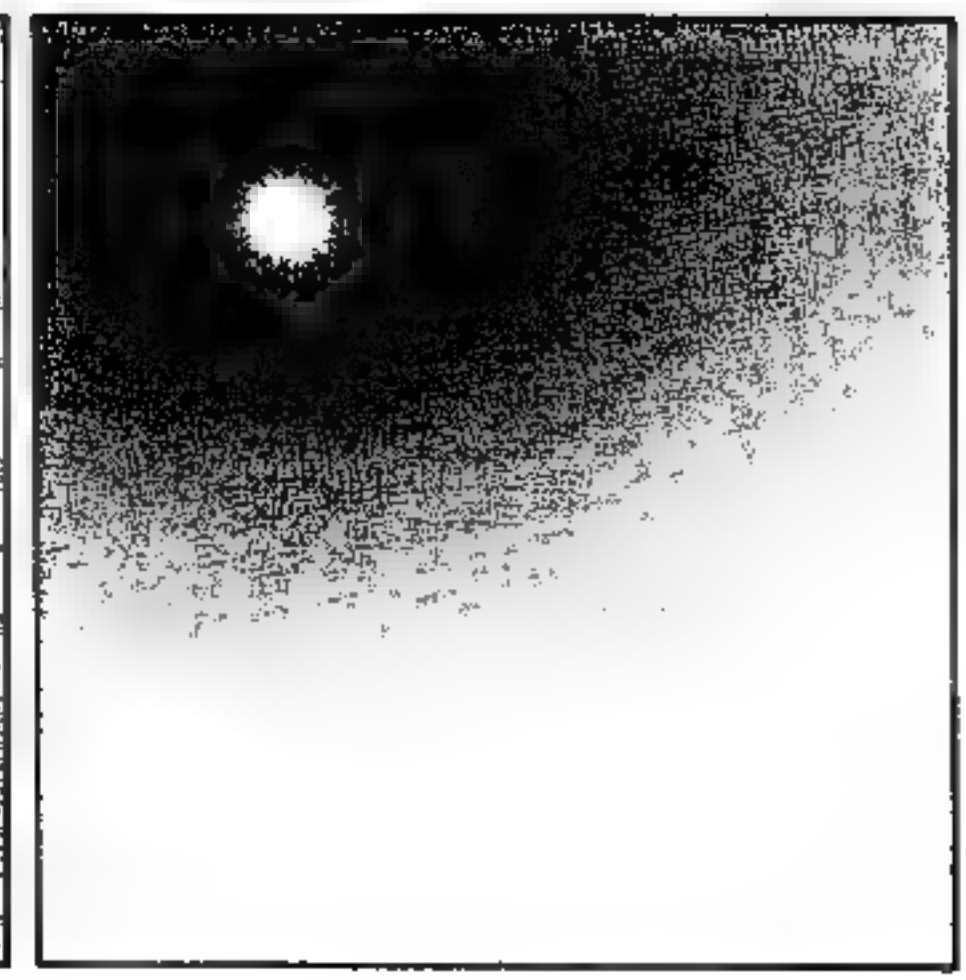
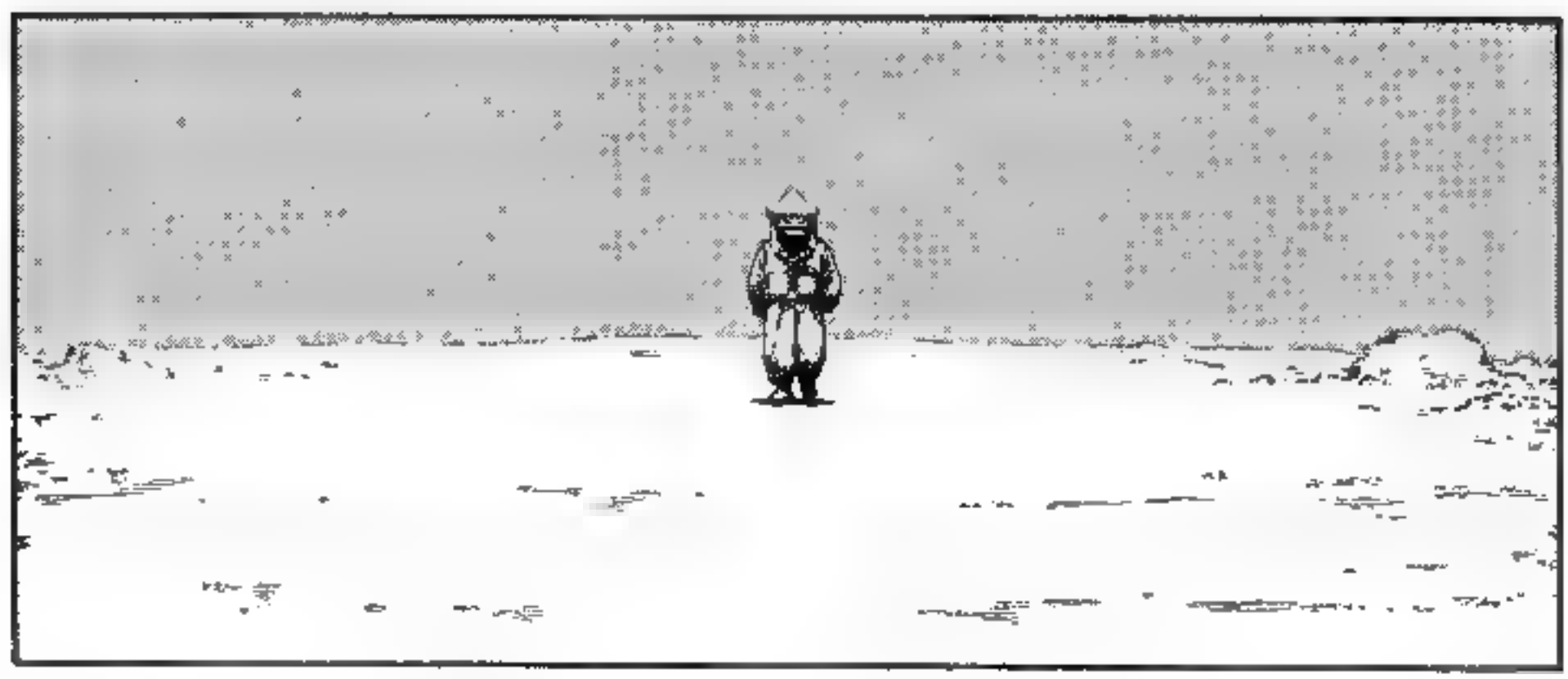
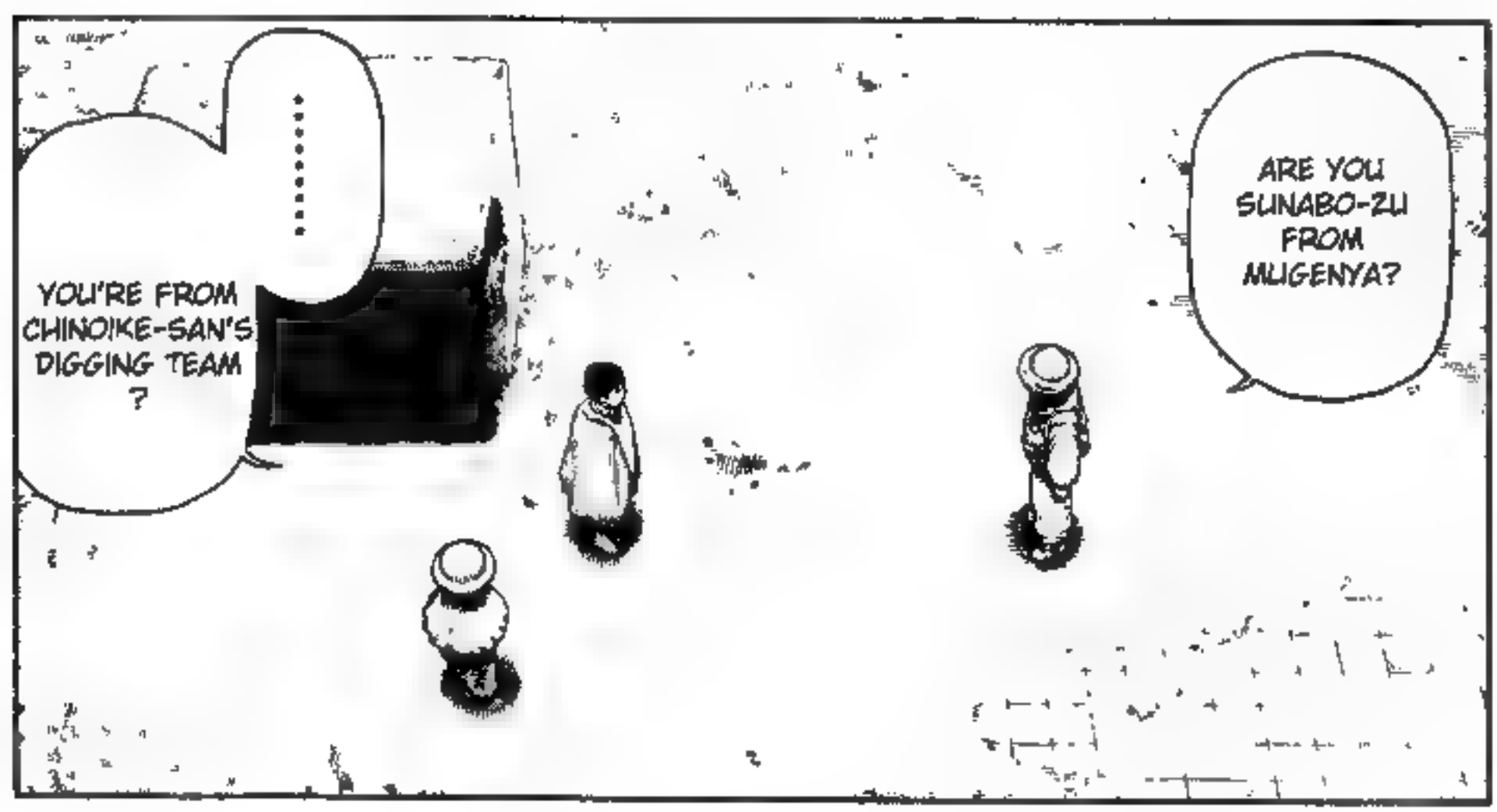





YOU'RE FROM CHINOIKE-SAN'S DIGGING TEAM ?
ARE YOU SUNABO-ZU FROM MUGENYA?

HA HA HA HA HA
AND A GREAT ONE IT IS. EVERYONE IN THE KANTO DESERT KNOWS ABOUT YOU.

IT'S ONLY NATURAL, WITH THE ECONOMICAL CRISIS. AND I HAVE A REP-UTATION TO UPHOLD.
YES. THANKS FOR COMING FROM THIS FAR.

I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU.
ALRIGHT, LET'S GO THEN.

THERE'S A LOT OF OLD CAVES HERE.

PLEASE WAIT HERE.

HUH? ER...

SEVERAL THINGS INDEED.

ERM... SINCE YOU'VE BEEN DIGGING AROUND, COULD IT BE THAT YOU'VE FOUND SOMETHING?

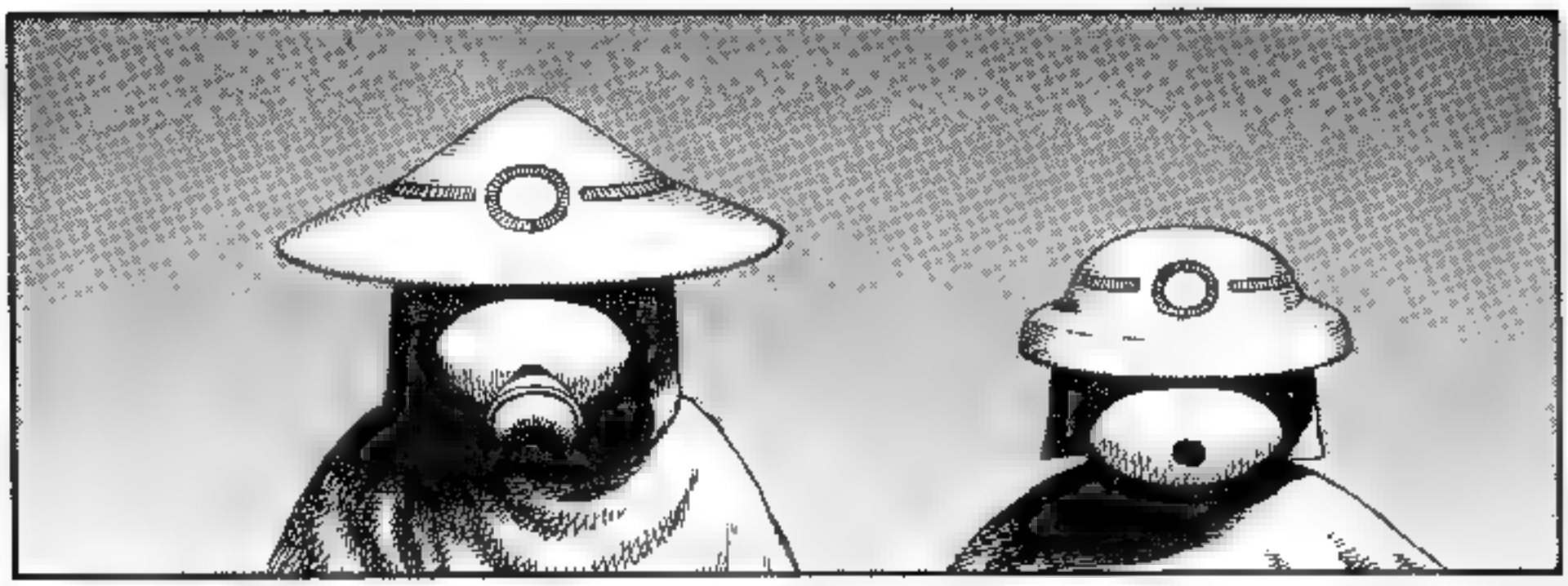
HELP YOURSELVES WITH THESE REFRESH-MENTS.

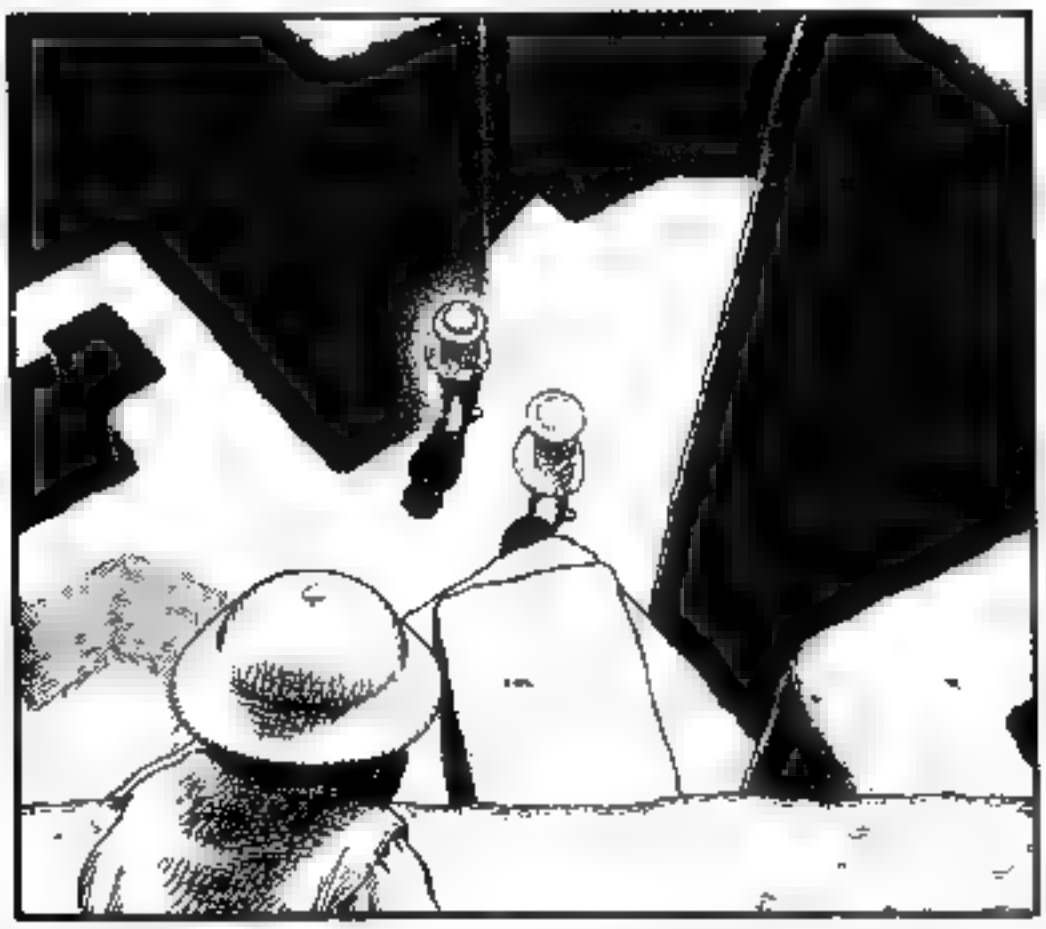
AH...

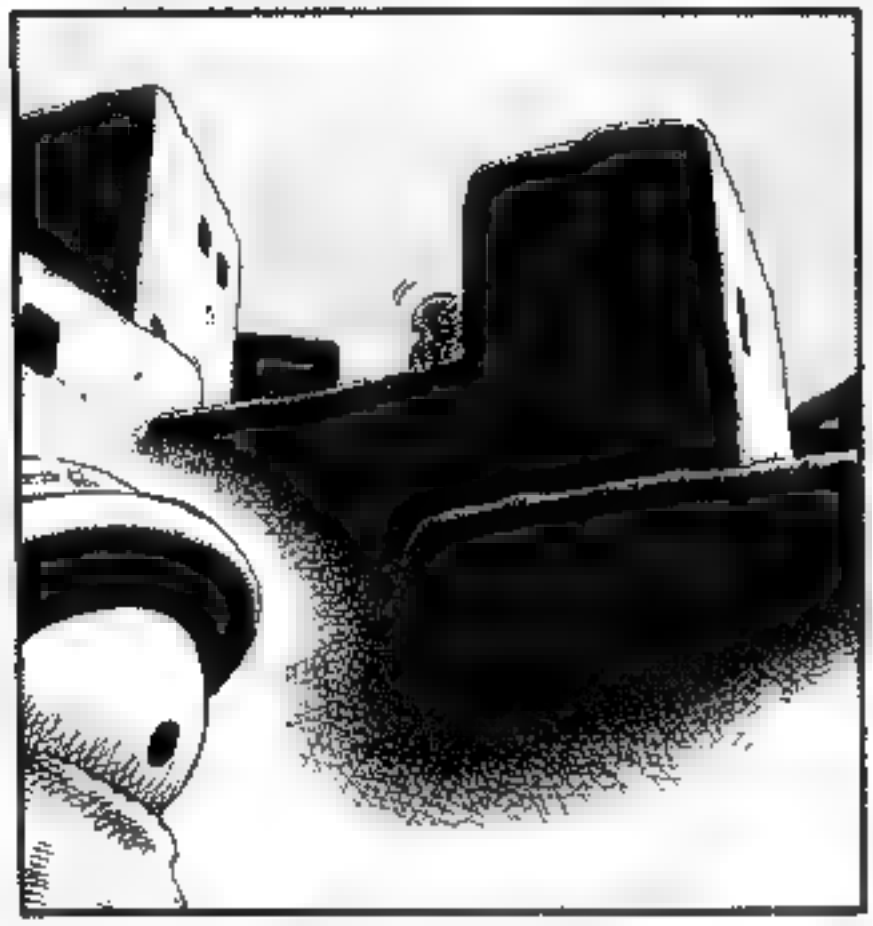
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

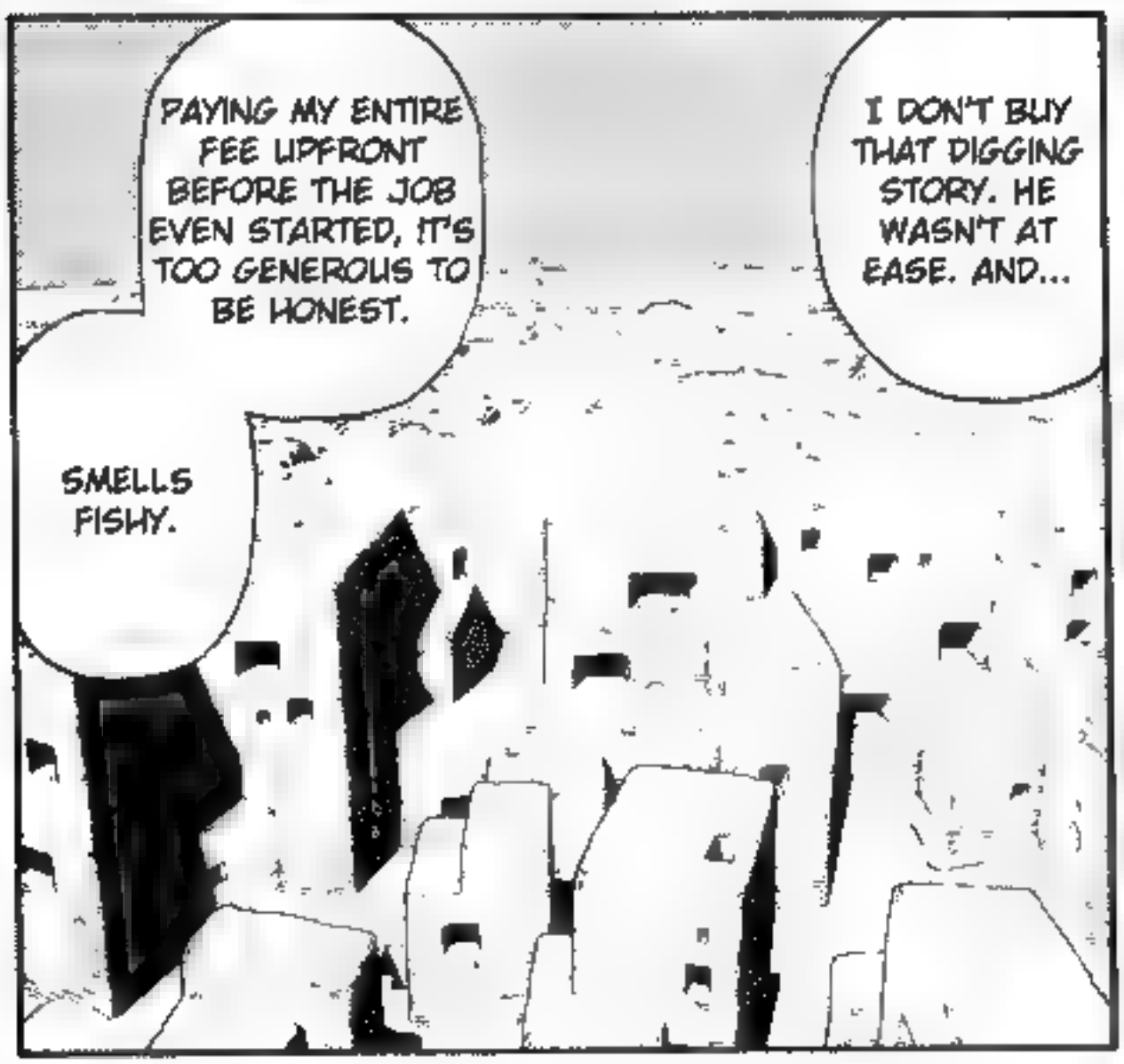
I'M GOING TO GO FETCH CHINOIKE-SAN.

PLEASE REST FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

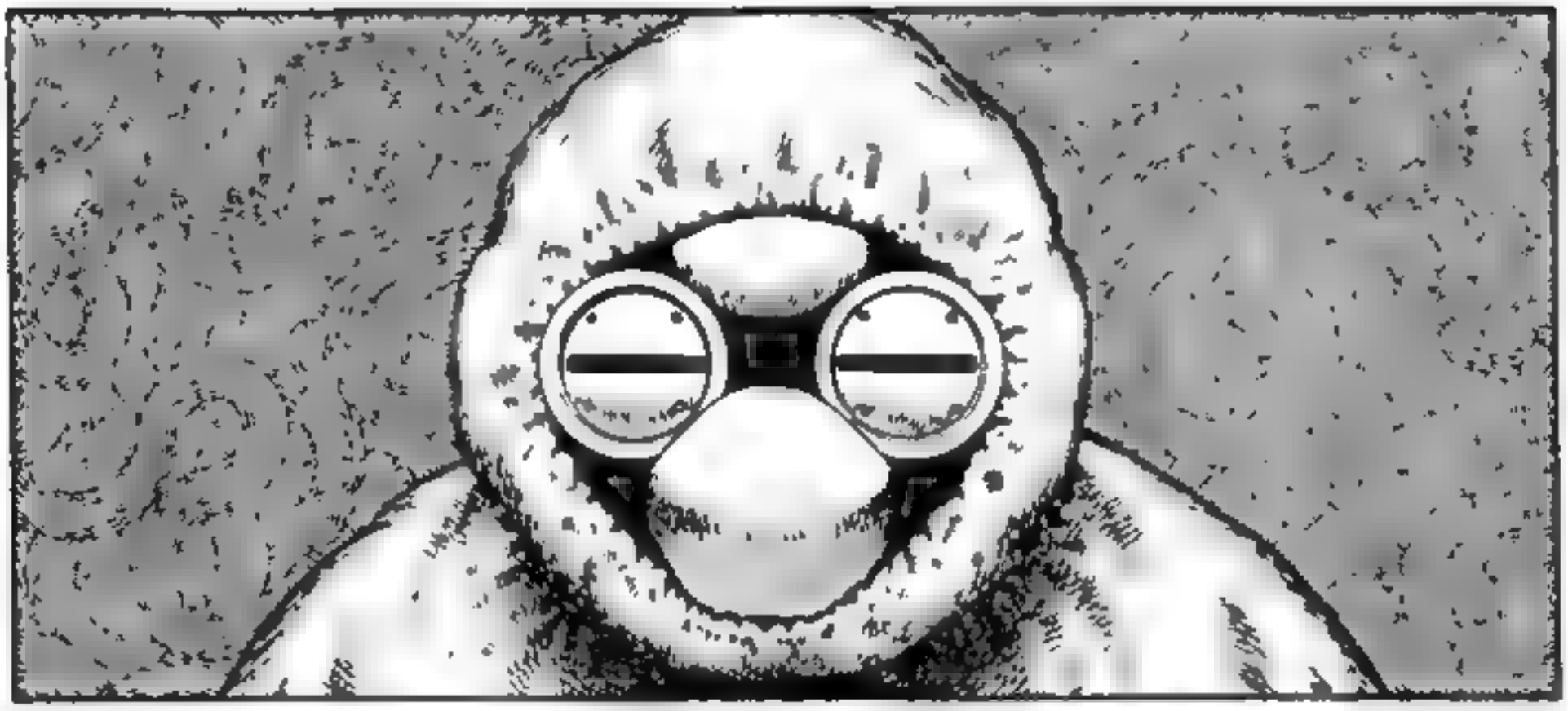




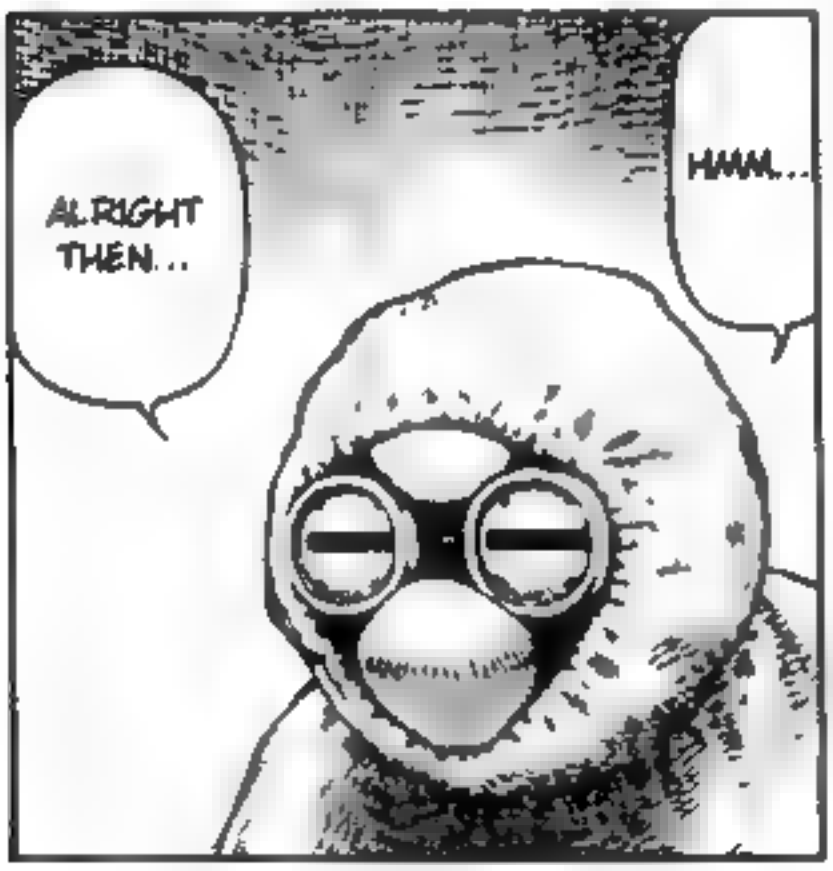



PAYING MY ENTIRE FEE UPFRONT BEFORE THE JOB EVEN STARTED, IT'S TOO GENEROUS TO BE HONEST.
I DON'T BUY THAT DIGGING STORY. HE WASN'T AT EASE. AND...
SMELLS FISHY.

HUM...
HUM...



HELLO.
SUNABO-ZU.
THANKS FOR COMING.
I'M CHINOIKE A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.

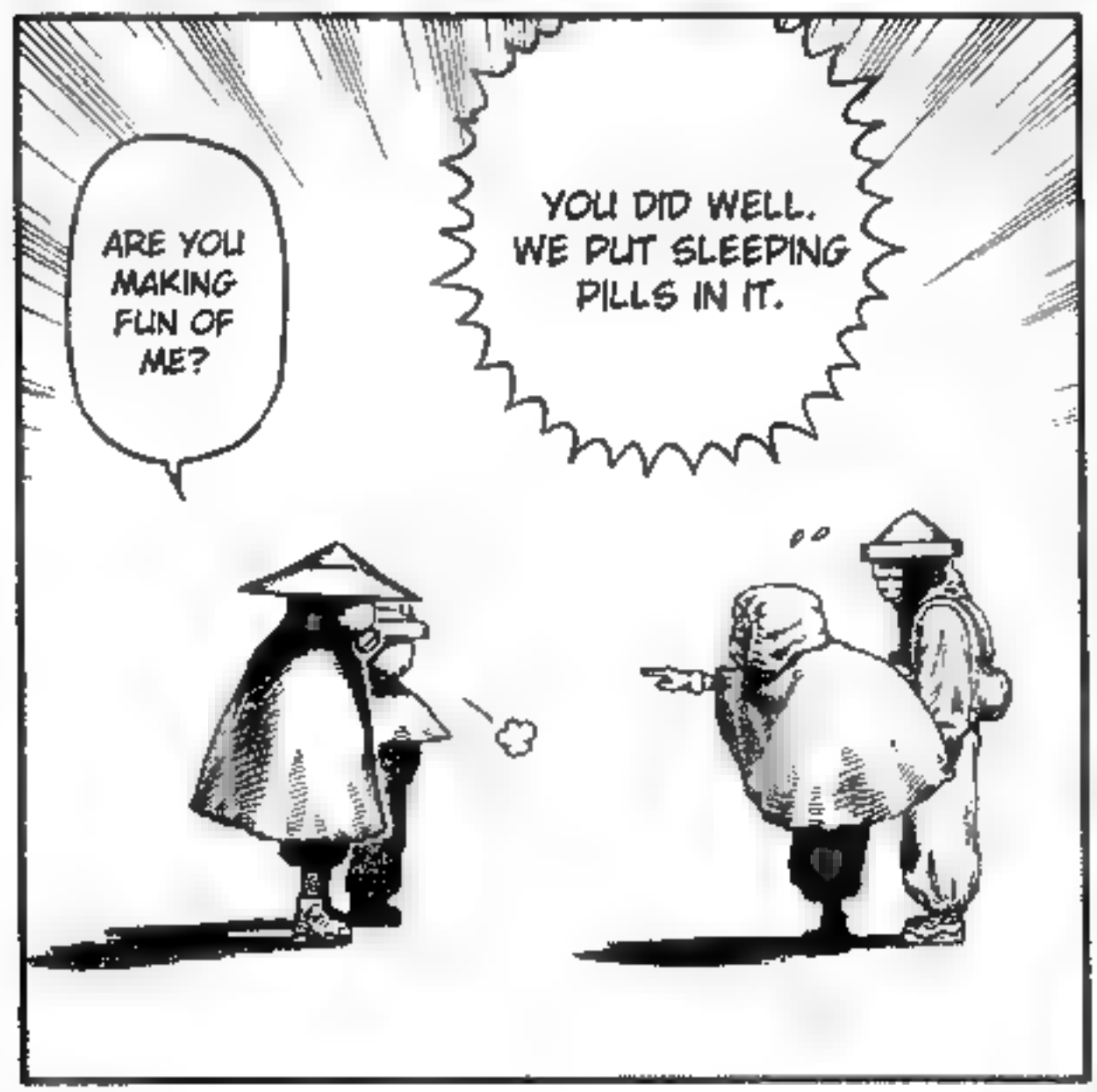

ALRIGHT THEN...
HMM...

I'VE HAD AN UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST BECAUSE OF SOME CONTAMINATED WATER.
YOU DIDN'T DRINK.

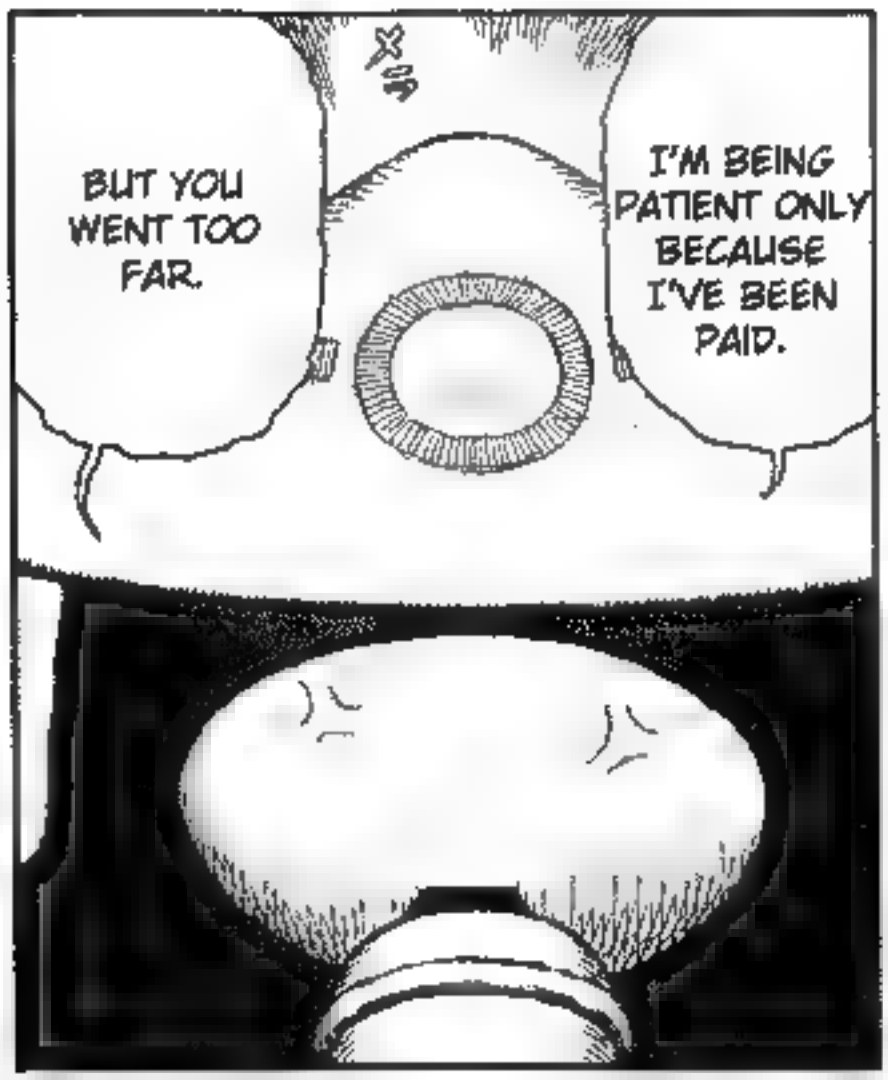
AH...
I WAS RIGHT.
I LIED TO YOU. WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO PROTECT US DURING THE DIGS.

A NORMAL THING TO DO WHEN ONE'S HAVING DOUBTS.
YOU DIDN'T TOUCH THE WATER WE'VE LEFT FOR YOU.

I FOUND THAT STORY TO BE STRANGE.
HOW COME? DID YOU HAVE DOUBTS?


ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?
YOU DID WELL. WE PUT SLEEPING PILLS IN IT.

HE'S GOT WITS.
SEE ? IT'S DIFFERENT WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH A PRO...

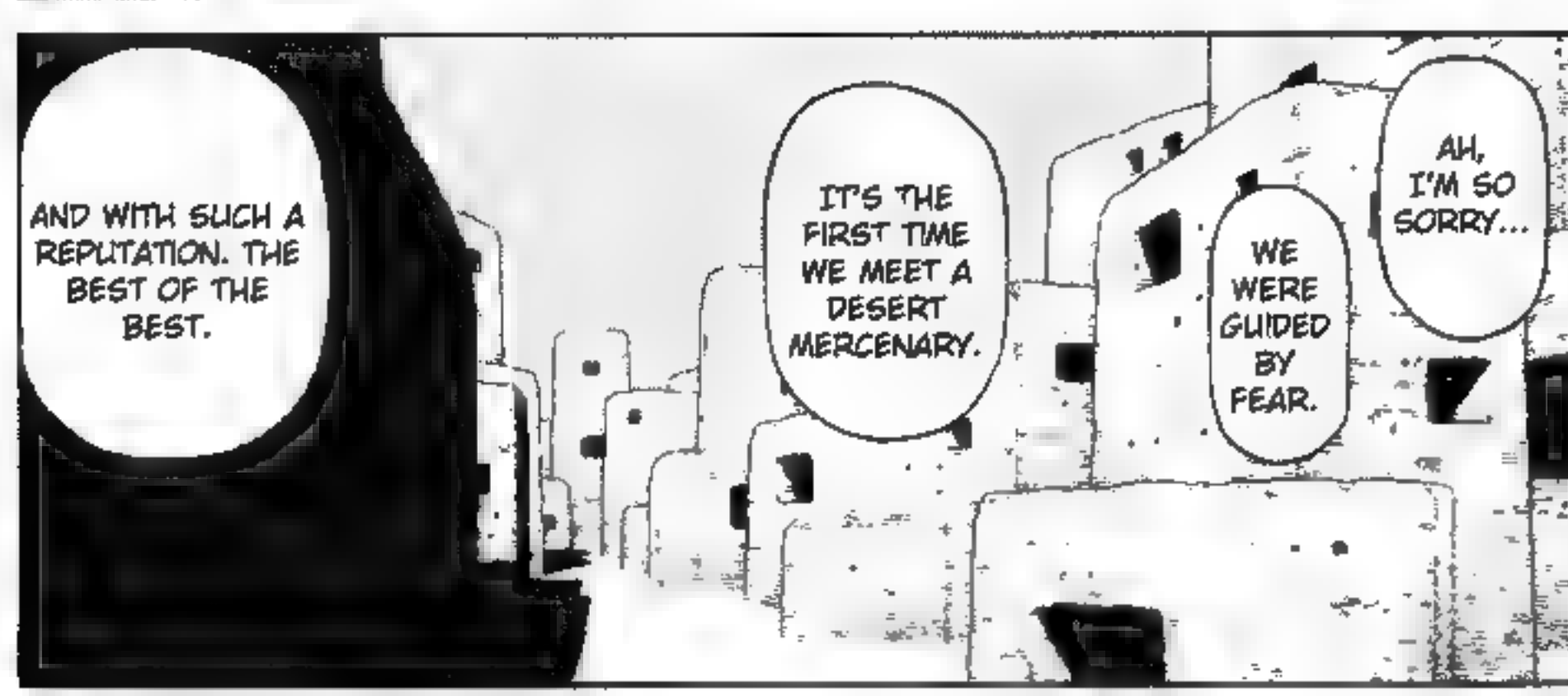

BUT YOU WENT TOO FAR.
I'M BEING PATIENT ONLY BECAUSE I'VE BEEN PAID.

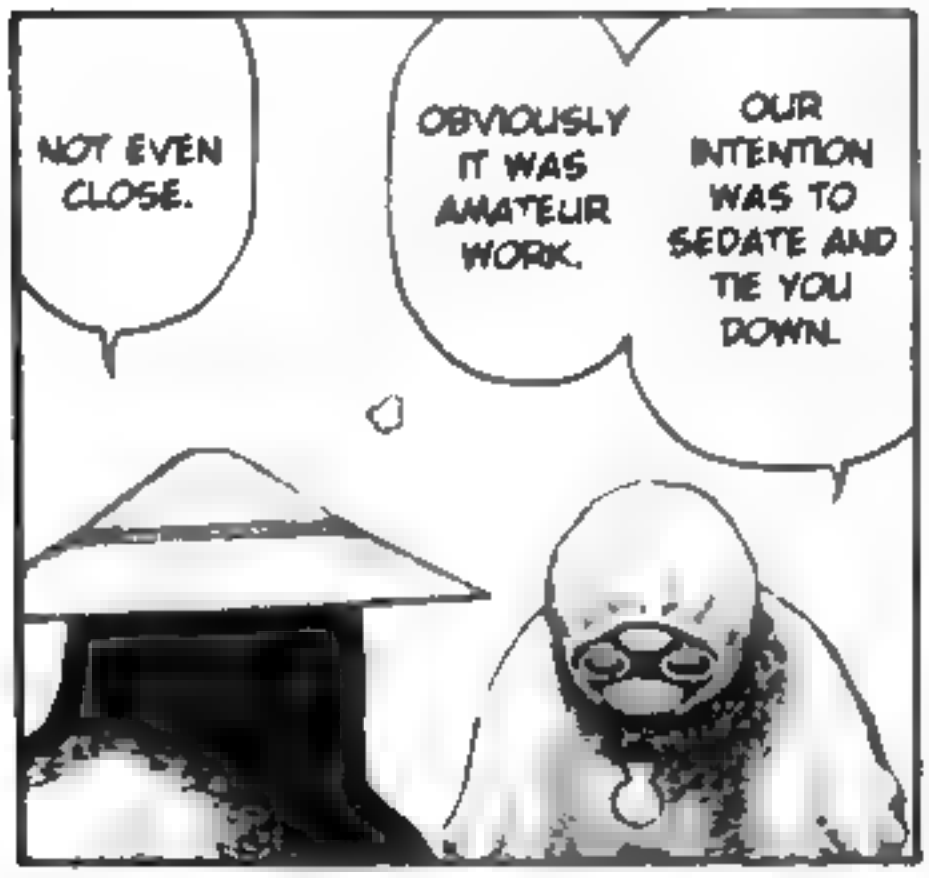
NO WAY! YOU NOTICED?!
I THOUGHT OF GOING BACK. EVERYTHING WAS ODD. FOR INSTANCE BEING FOLLOWED WITH SUCH A LACK OF DISCRETION.

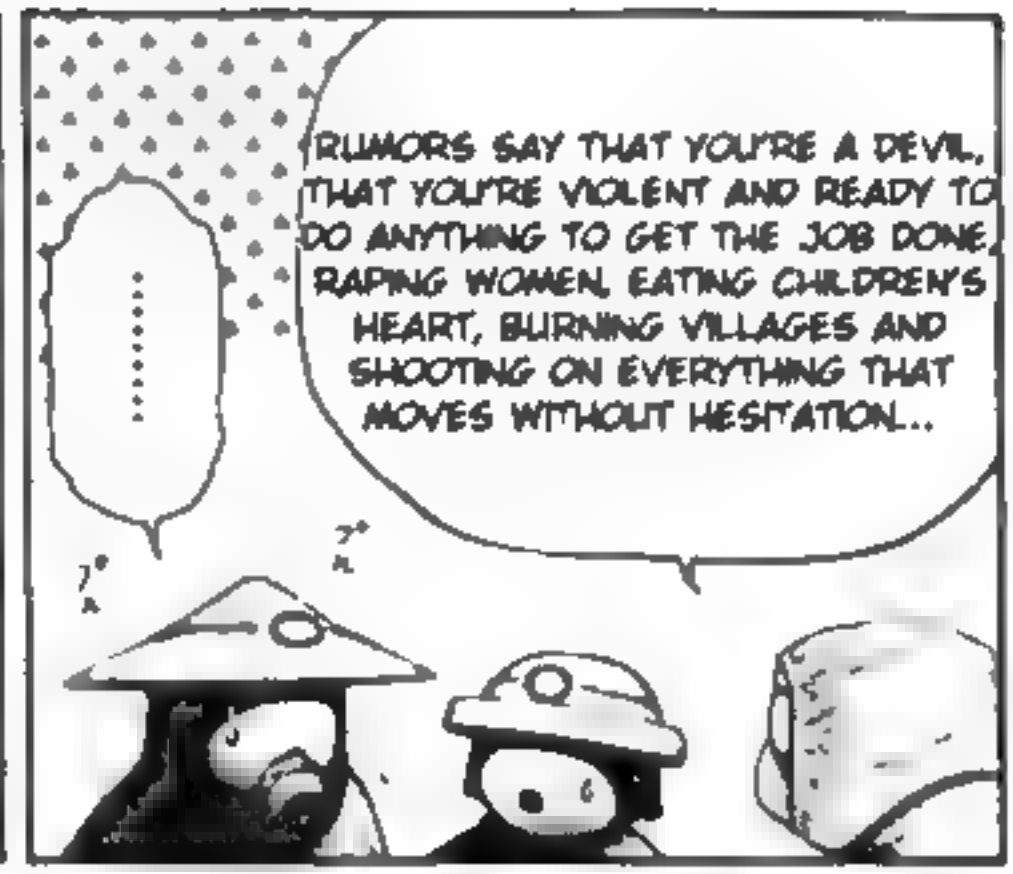
HEY, COME HERE! YOU'VE BEEN SPOTTED.

WE WERE WRONG.
Please accept our apologies.

NO...
WAIT...


AND WITH SUCH A REPUTATION. THE BEST OF THE BEST.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE MEET A DESERT MERCENARY.
WE WERE GUIDED BY FEAR.
AH, I'M SO SORRY...


NOT EVEN CLOSE.
OBVIOUSLY IT WAS AMATEUR WORK.
OUR INTENTION WAS TO SEDATE AND TIE YOU DOWN.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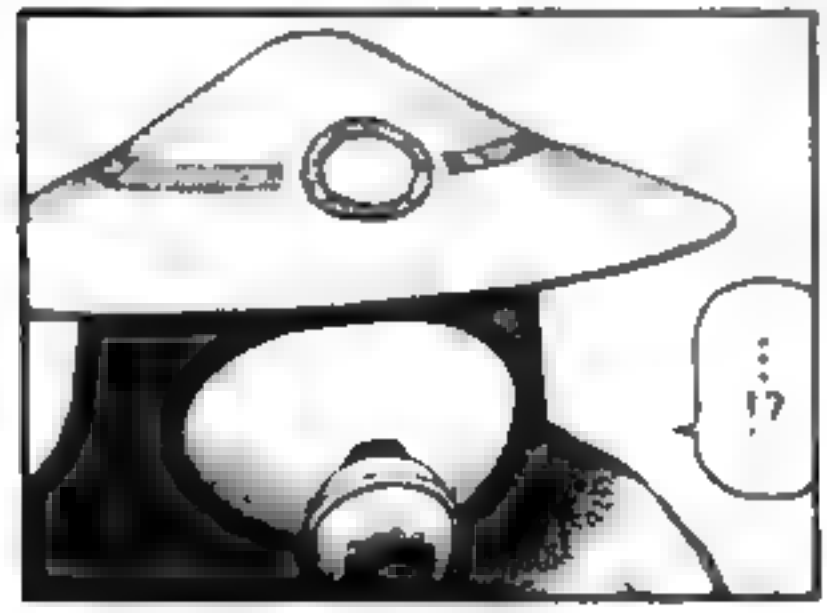
RUMORS SAY THAT YOU'RE A DEVIL, THAT YOU'RE VIOLENT AND READY TO DO ANYTHING TO GET THE JOB DONE, RAPING WOMEN, EATING CHILDREN'S HEART, BURNING VILLAGES AND SHOOTING ON EVERYTHING THAT MOVES WITHOUT HESITATION...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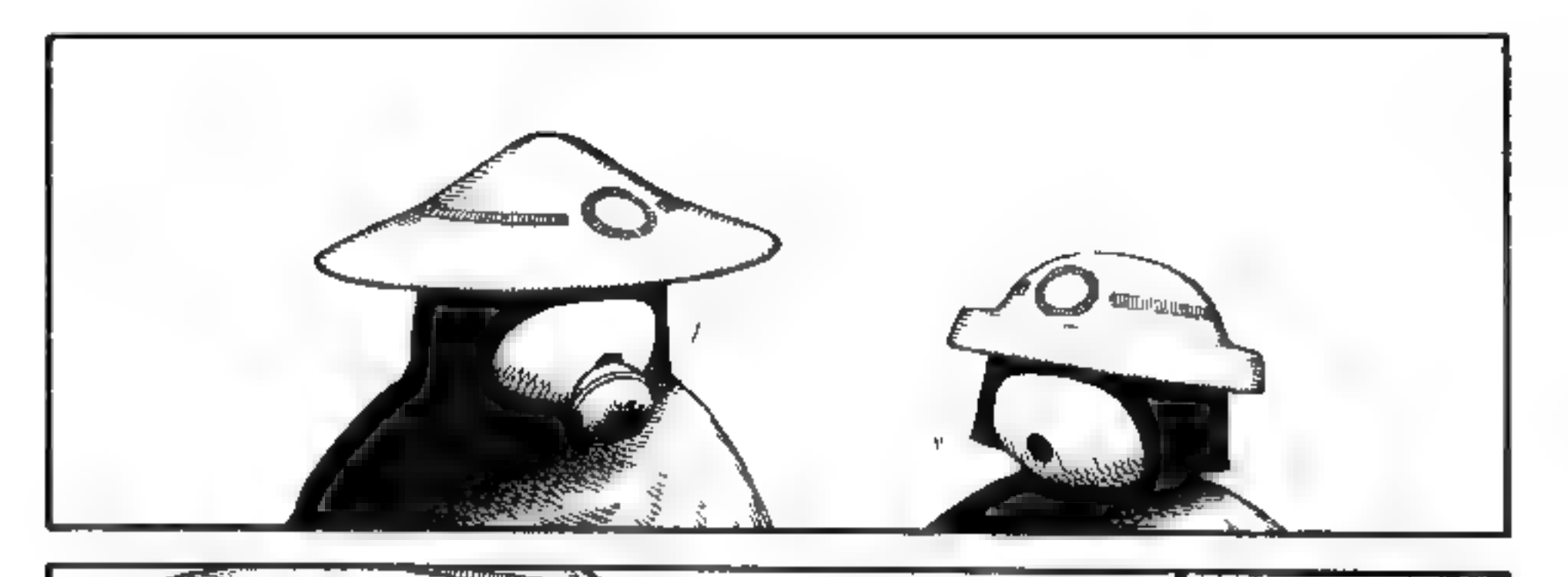
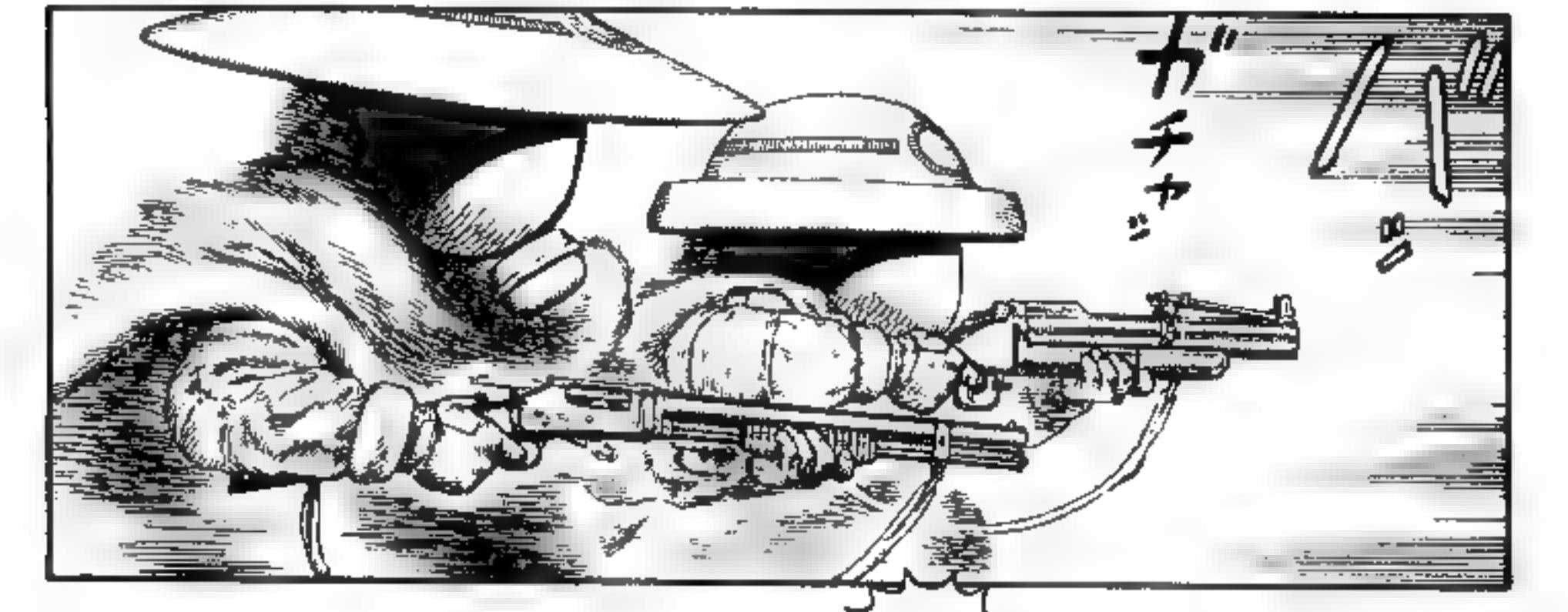
EVEN THE GREAT SUNABO-ZU CAN BE POWERLESS AGAINST THE AUTHORITIES.
HOWEVER...

THE GOVERNMENT TOOK YOUR BOUNTY AND THE WOMAN YOU LOVE.
YOU HAD IT ROUGH NOT SO LONG AGO, HADN'T YOU?

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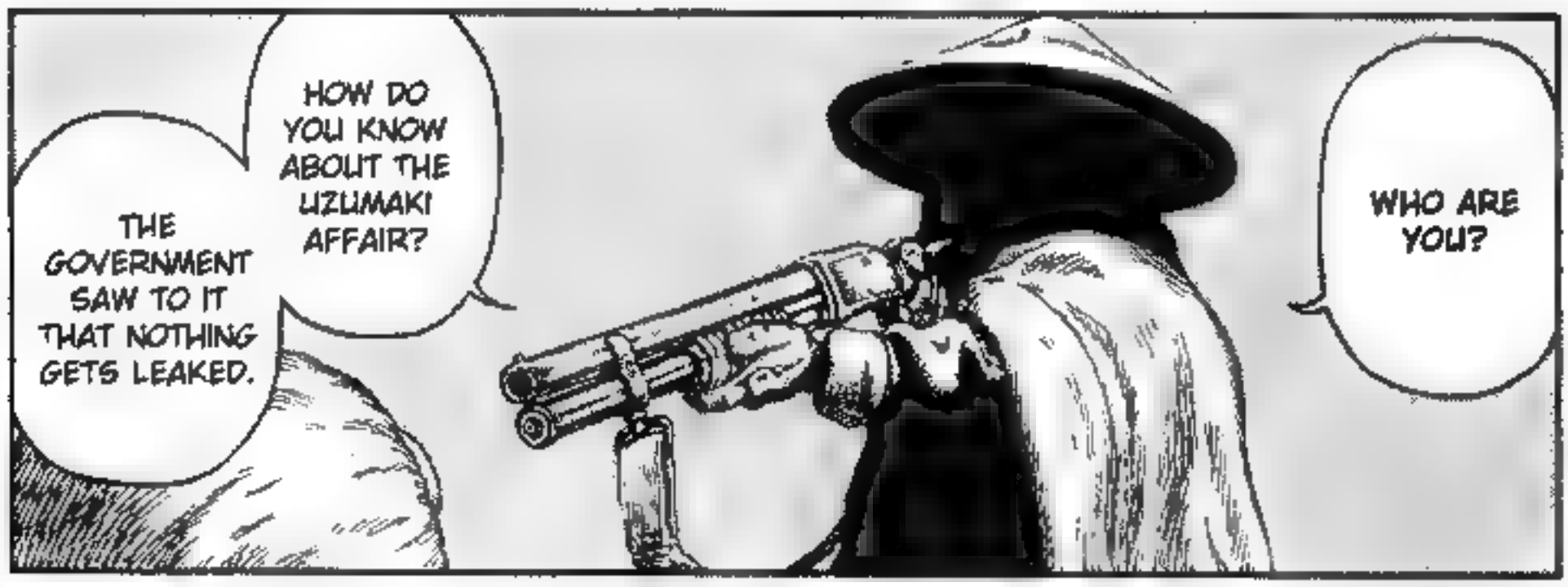
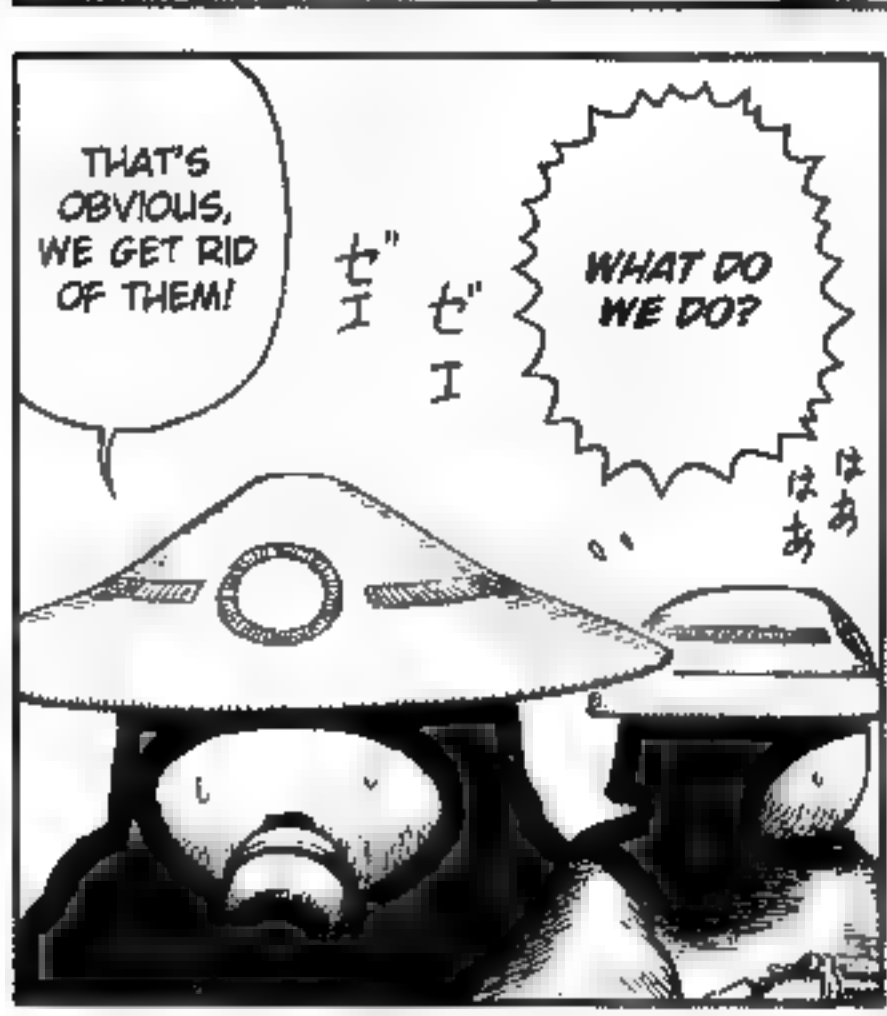

THE GOVERNMENT SAW TO IT THAT NOTHING GETS LEAKED.
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE UZUMAKI AFFAIR?
WHO ARE YOU?


THAT'S OBVIOUS, WE GET RID OF THEM!
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WHAT DO WE DO?
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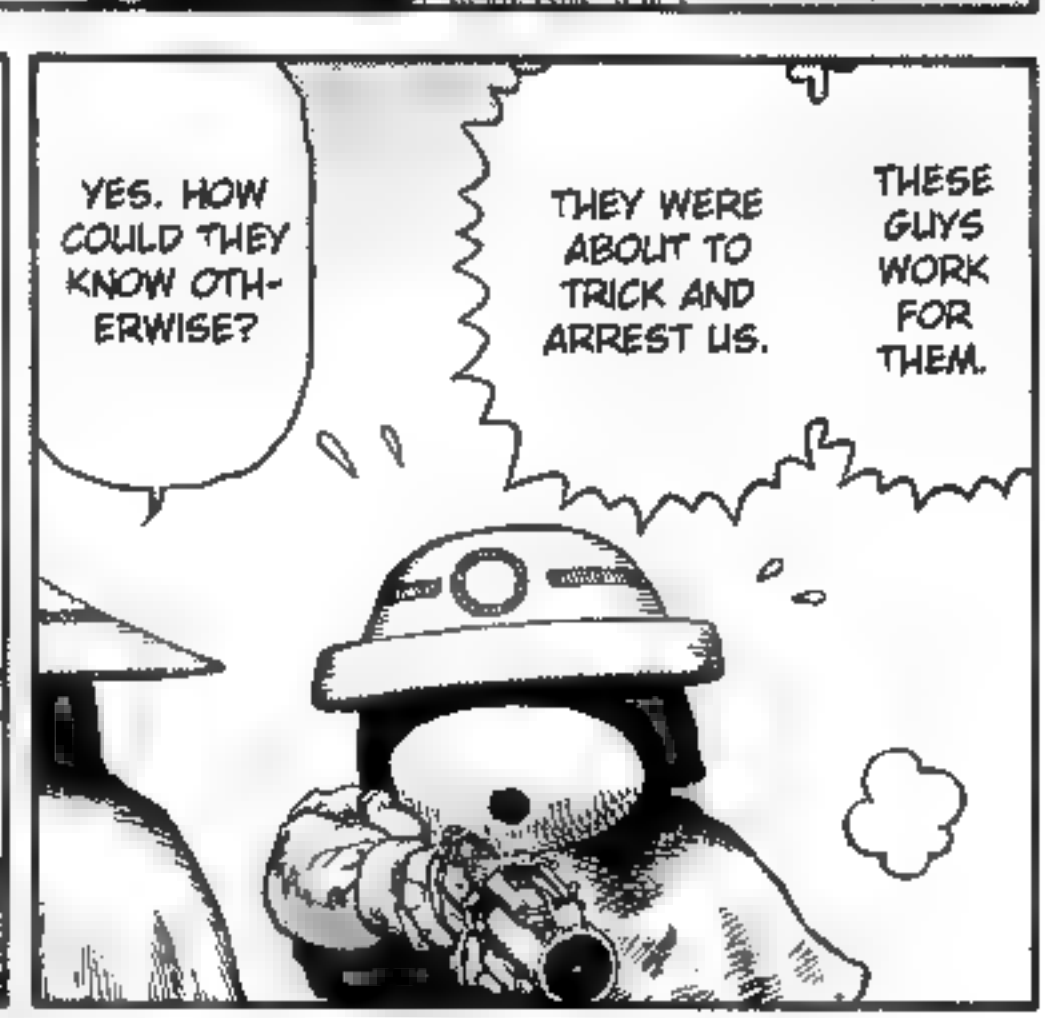
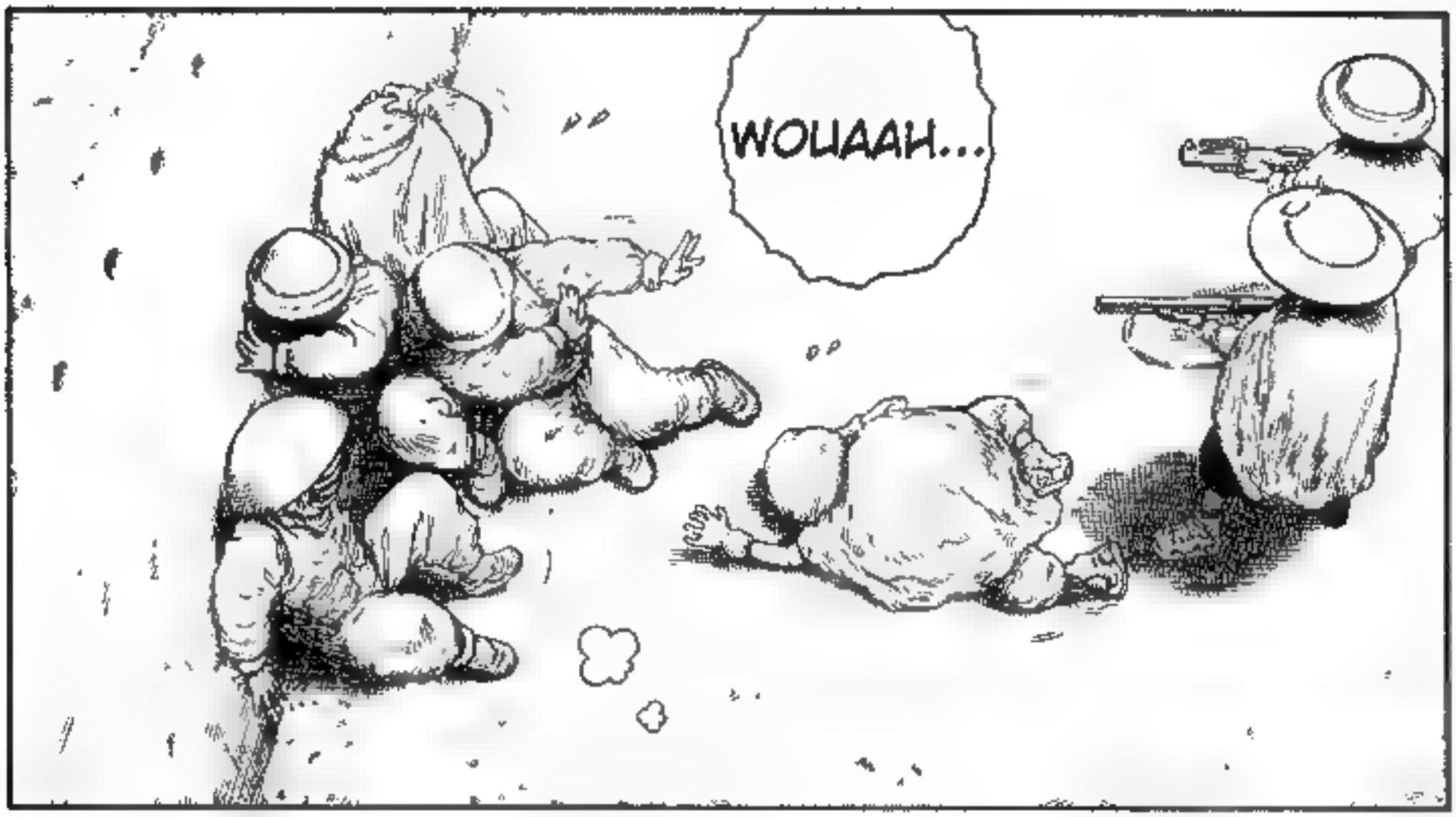
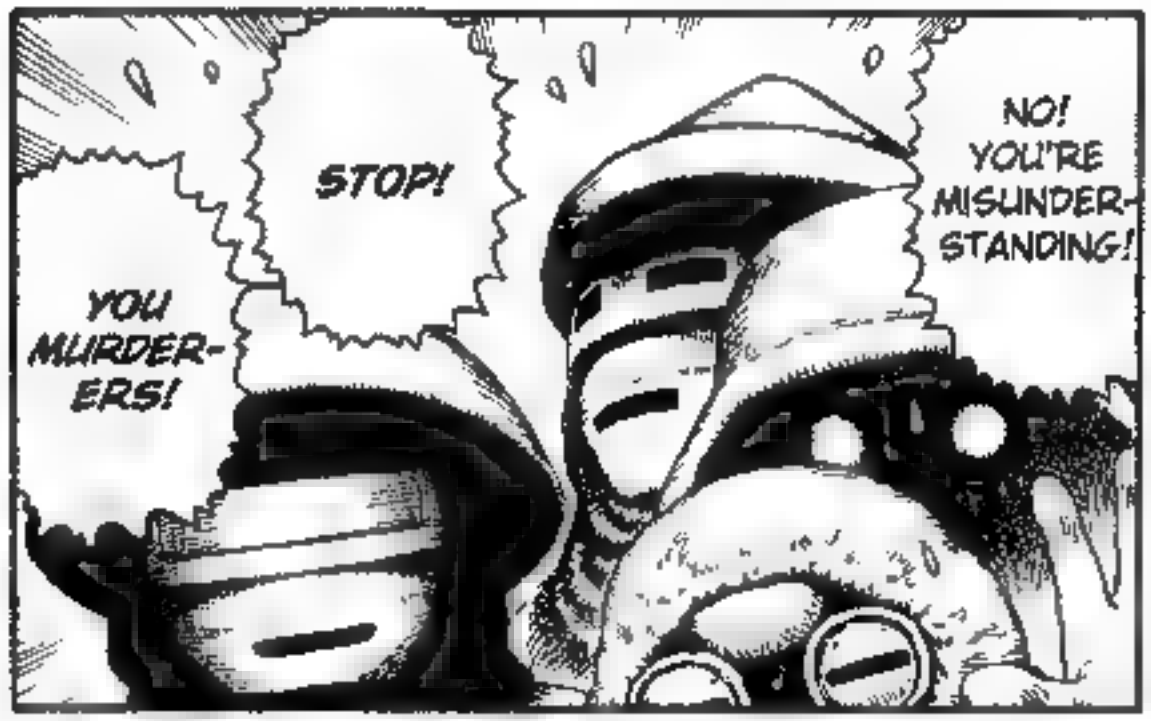
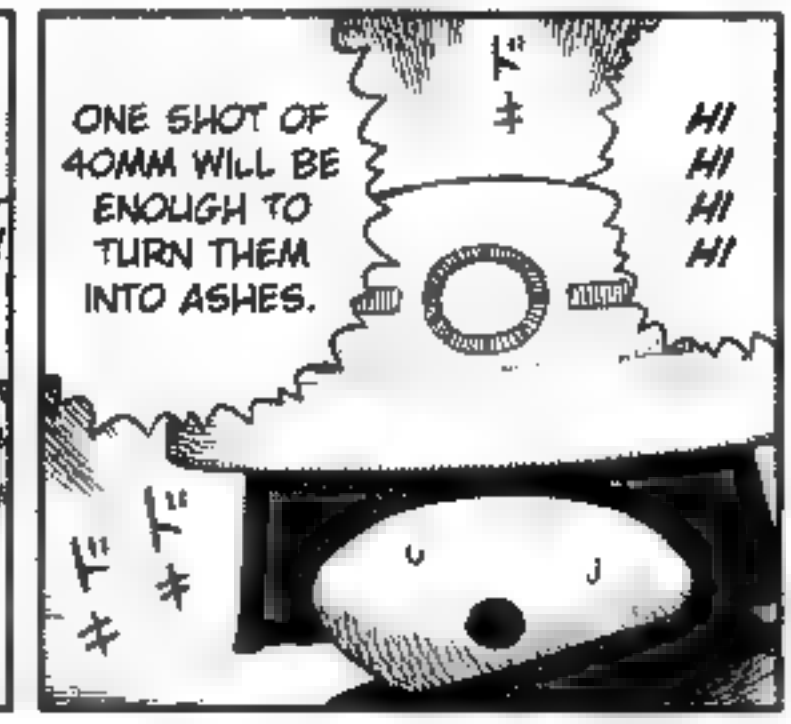

YES. HOW COULD THEY KNOW OTHERWISE?
THEY WERE ABOUT TO TRICK AND ARREST US.
THESE GUYS WORK FOR THEM.


WOUAAH...


STOP!
YOU MURDER-ERS!
NO! YOU'RE MISUNDER-STANDING!


ONE SHOT OF 40MM WILL BE ENOUGH TO TURN THEM INTO ASHES.
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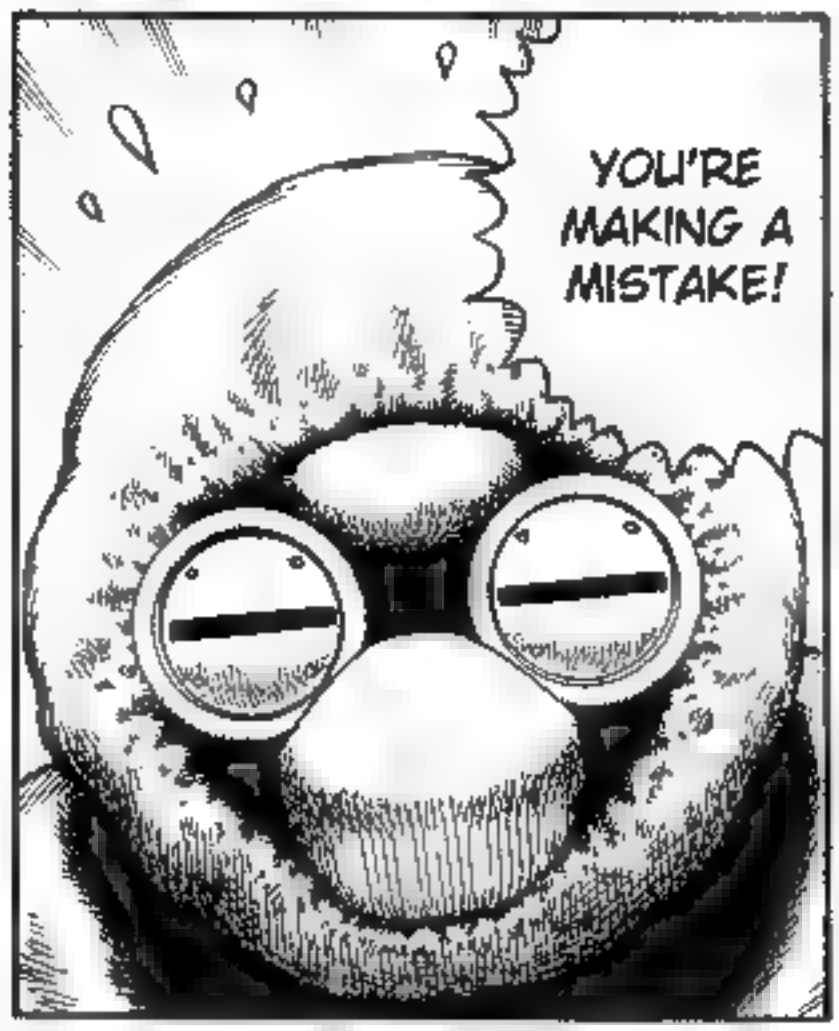
HI HI HI HI


YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE!

SO FAR, IT'S NOT A CRIME.
A CRIME BECOMES A CRIME WHEN IT IS KNOWN.
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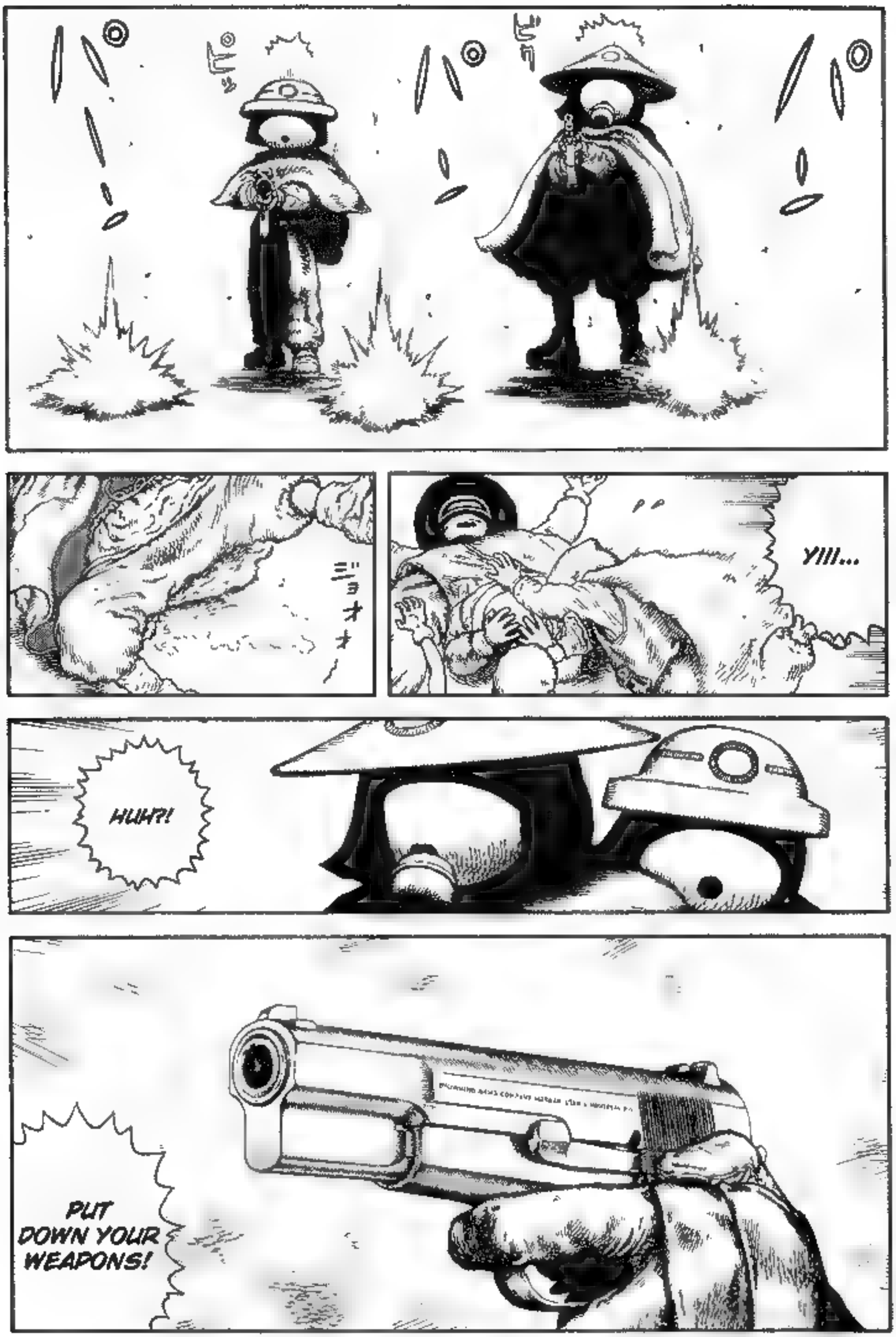
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YIII...
HUH?!
PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPONS!

NATSUKO!
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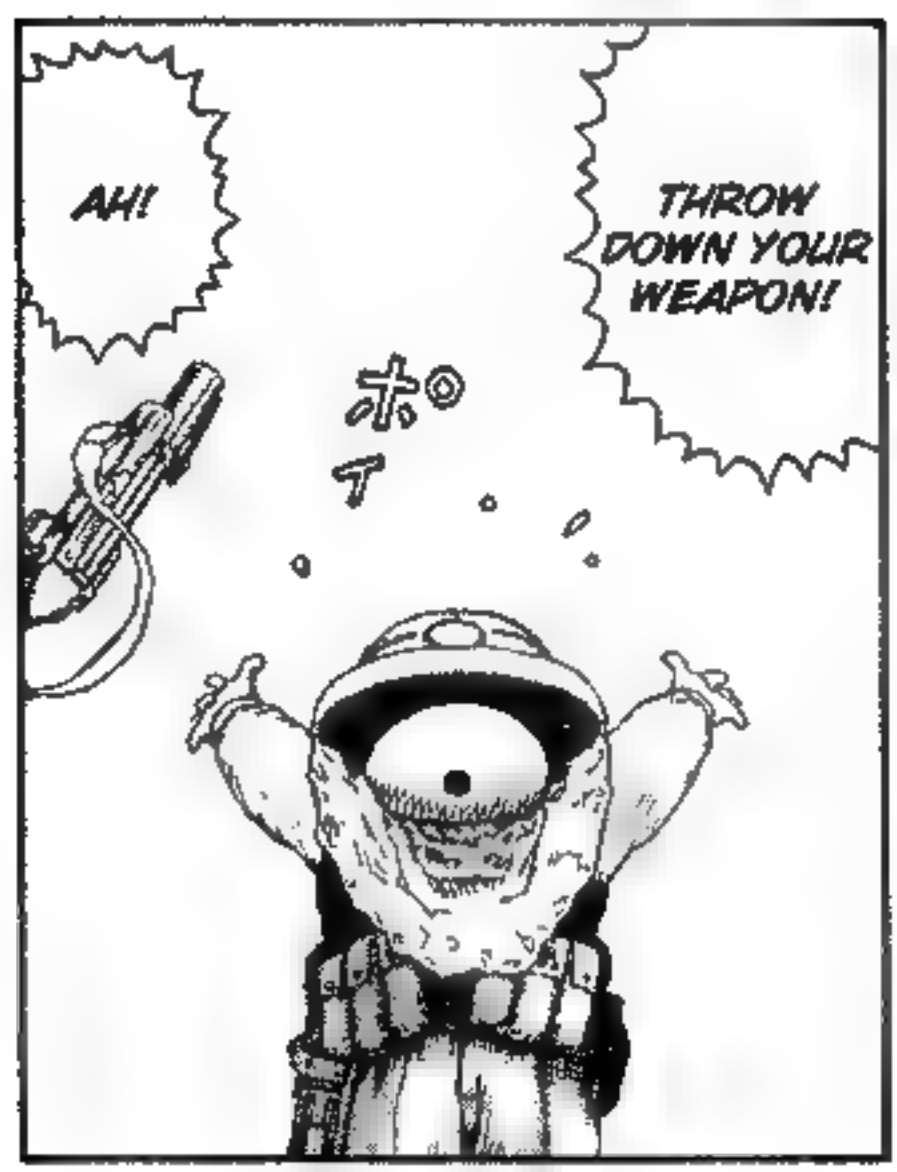
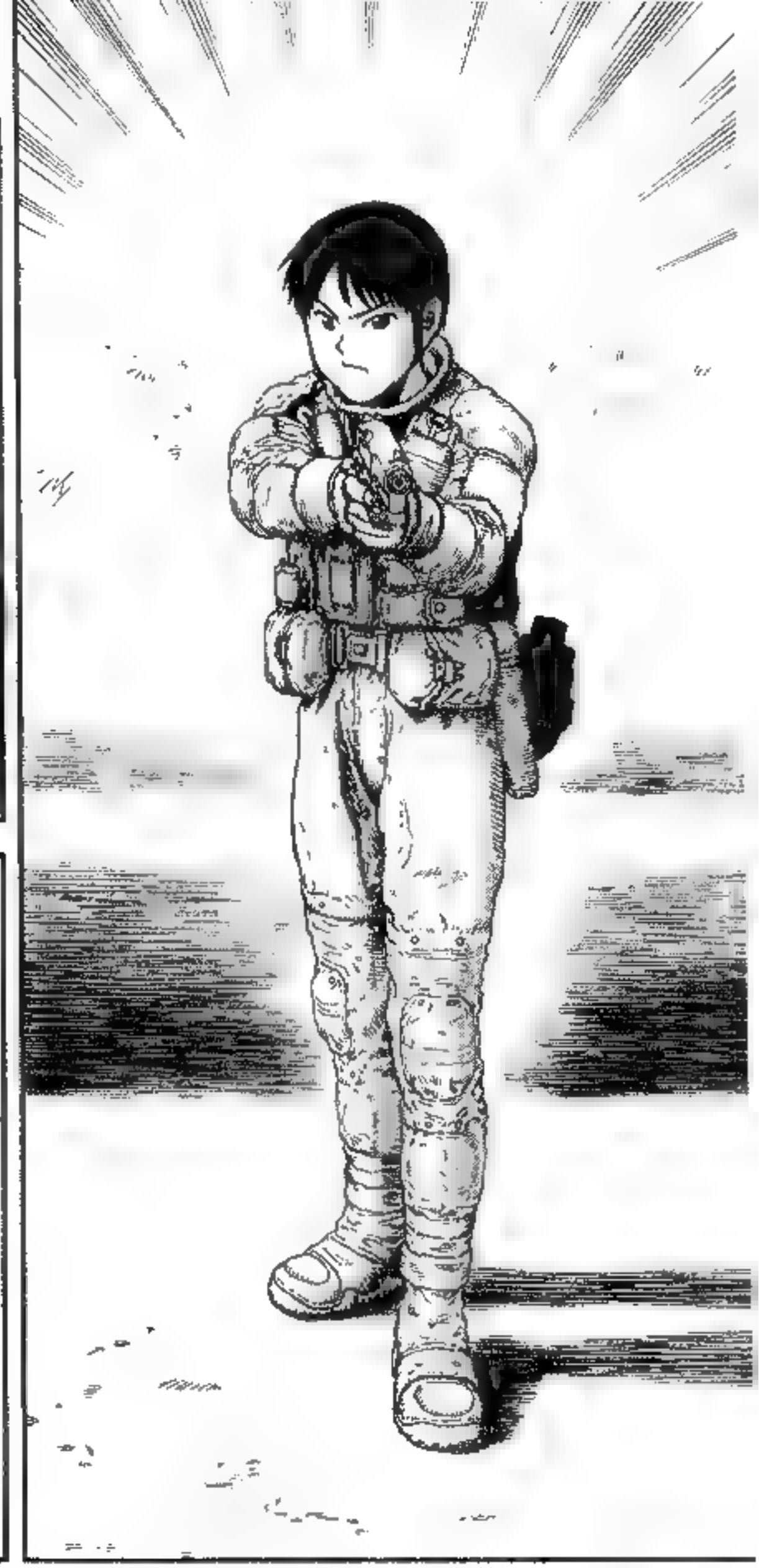

AH!
THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPON!



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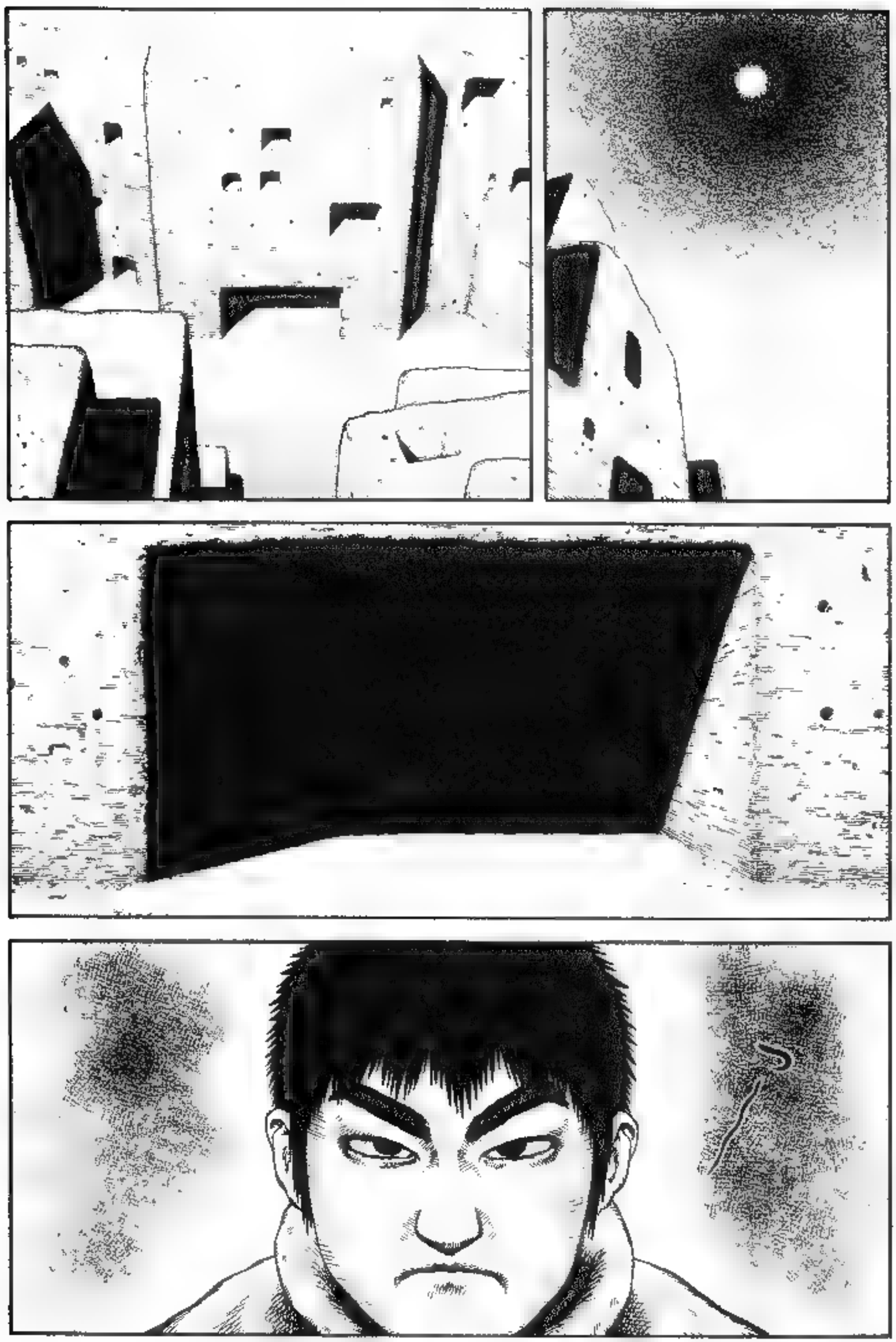
.....
AH, NATSUKO!
I HOPE YOU'VE UNDERSTOOD HOW DANGEROUS THEY CAN BE.
IT'S FORTUNATE YOU FOLLOWED US DISCREETLY.
ABSOLUTELY.
MY APOLOGIES.
YOU KNOW I WAS AGAINST THIS!
IN THESE CONDITIONS, WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE.
GOOD...



SO WHAT?

I DON'T GET IT.

RHH...

HI HI

WHAT ARE YOU AFFRAID OF?

I CAN'T TELL ANYTHING YET.

YOU'RE NOT HERE TO ARREST US, ARE YOU?

WHAT!?

IN FACT, HE WAS SCARED TOO.

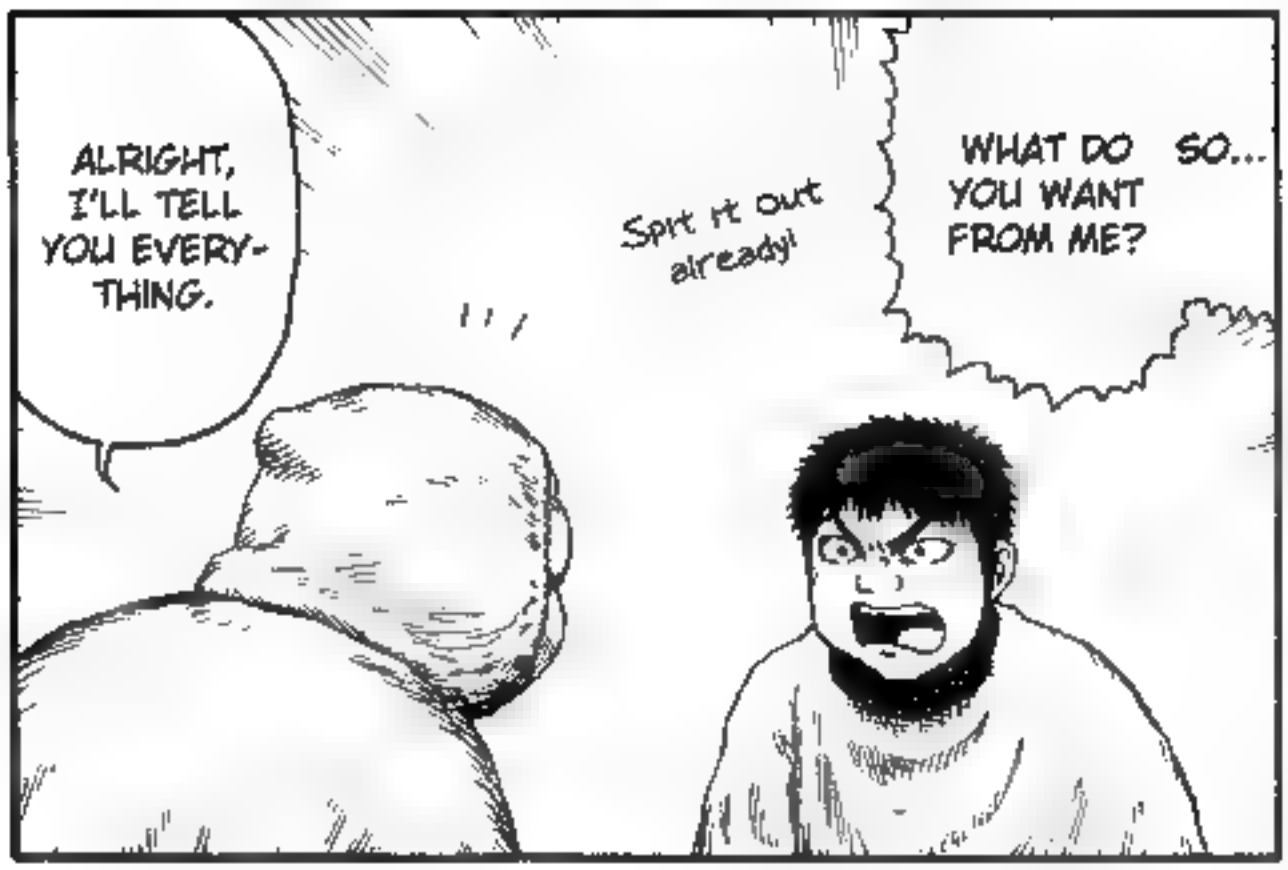
IN THAT CASE, WHY DID YOU JUMP DOWN ON THESE PEOPLE LIKE A FRIGHTENED DOG?

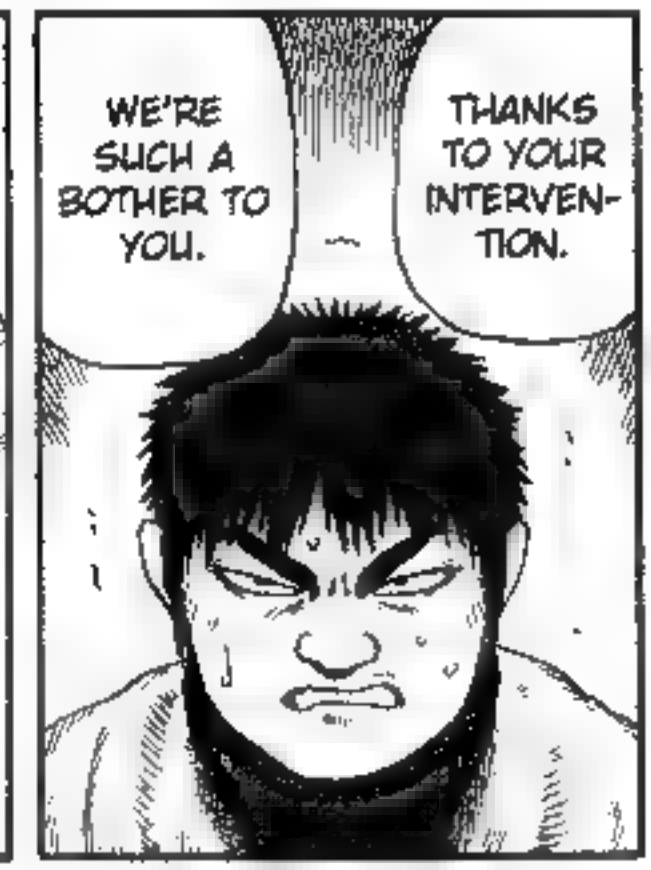
I.. I'M NOT SCARED.

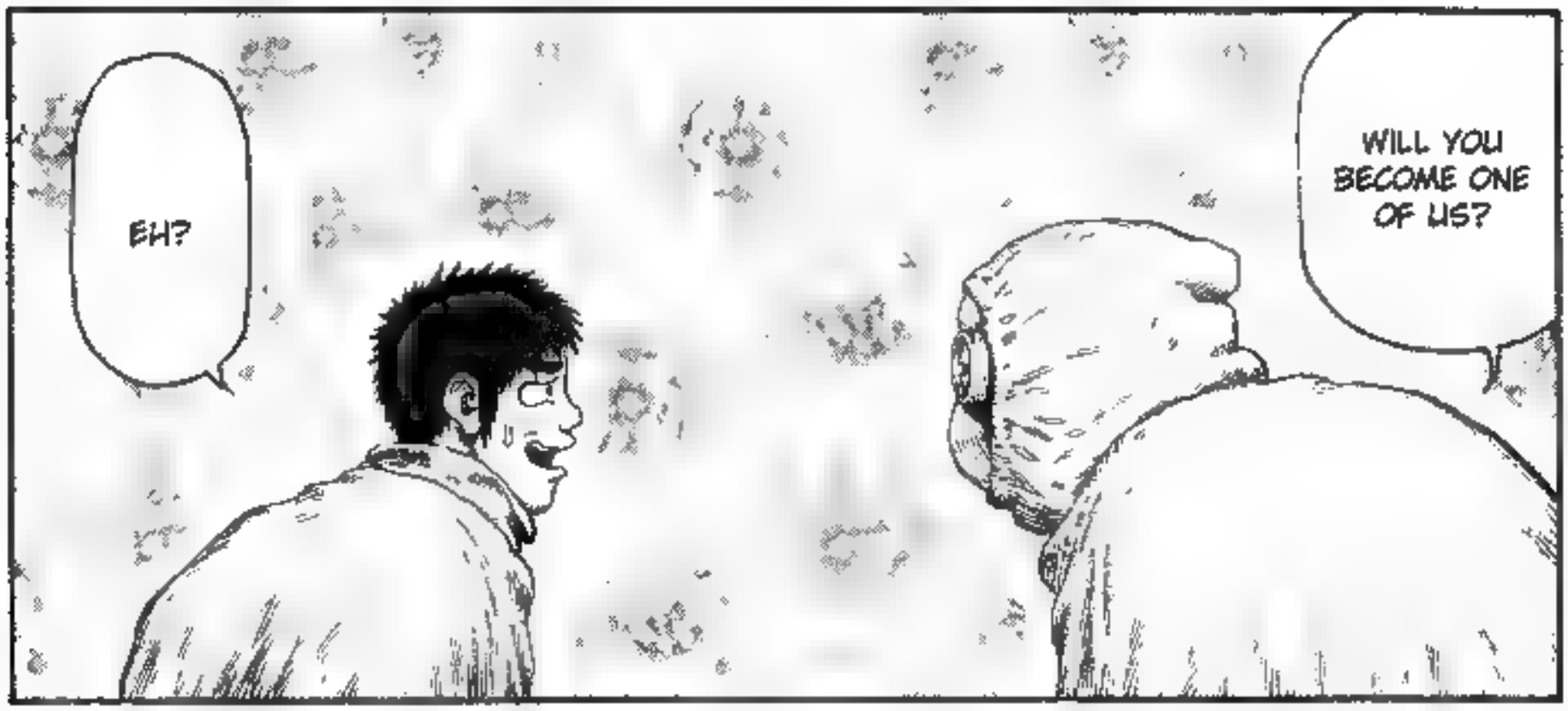
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU. IS IT BECAUSE YOUR GIRLFRIEND WAS TAKEN IN BY THE INTELLIGENCE?

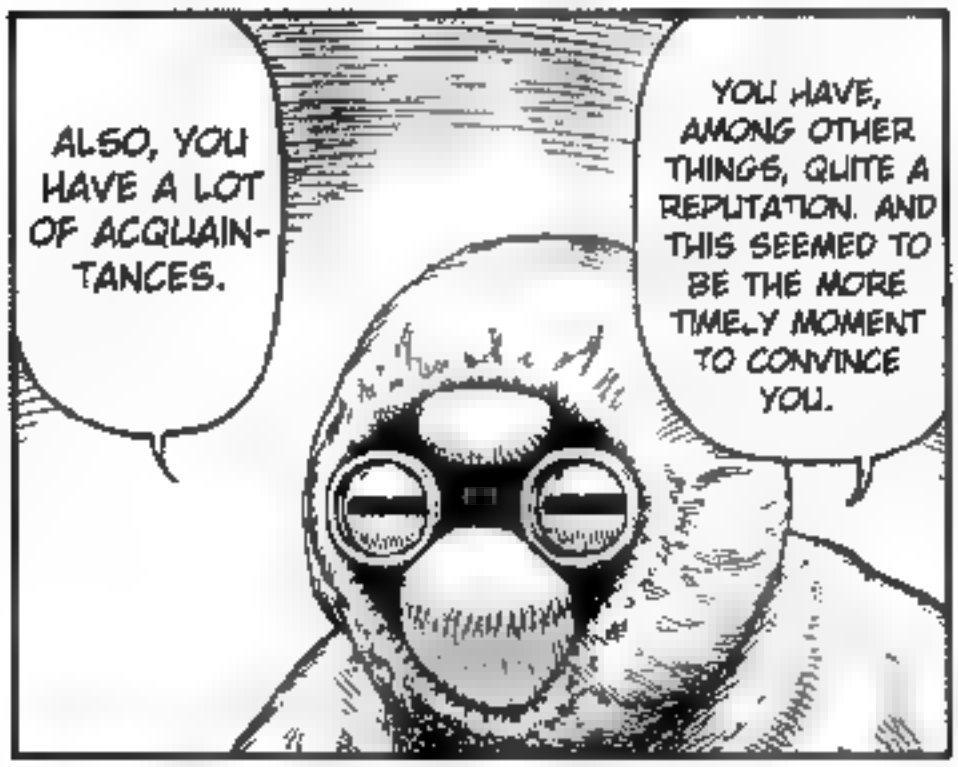
IS THE GOVERNMENT...
IN TROUBLE AGAIN?
.....
WHAT IS THE SPECIAL TASKFORCE DOING HERE?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?

AND THAT WE OUGHT TO GRASP THIS OPPORTUNITY.
RECENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT WAS HARSH WITH HIM, WE THOUGHT HE HAD A GRIEF AGAINST THEM...
ERM... WE ACTED WITH TOO MUCH HASTE, WRONGLY.
ABSOLUTELY.
FORTUNATELY, YOU HAD ONLY A CLOSE SHAVE.
ON THE CONTRARY, IT WAS A BAD TIME TO APPROACH HIM. HIS NERVOSITY ONLY INCREASED.


ALRIGHT, I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING.
Spit it out already!
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
SO...


WE'RE SUCH A BOTHER TO YOU.
THANKS TO YOUR INTERVENTION.


EH?
WILL YOU BECOME ONE OF US?


ALSO, YOU HAVE A LOT OF ACQUAINTANCES.
YOU HAVE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, QUITE A REPUTATION. AND THIS SEEMED TO BE THE MORE TIMELY MOMENT TO CONVINCE YOU.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR AN EFFICIENT PERSON.
You think so?
WE'RE NOT ATHLETES, BUT WE'RE FAR FROM BEING IDIOTS.

EEH?!
IF HE REFUSES TO COME WITH US, SO BE IT. HE'LL DIE.
You're gonna kill him?

YOU WILL KNOW EVERYTHING AS SOON AS YOU AGREE TO HELP US.
ABOUT WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
WHAT ?!

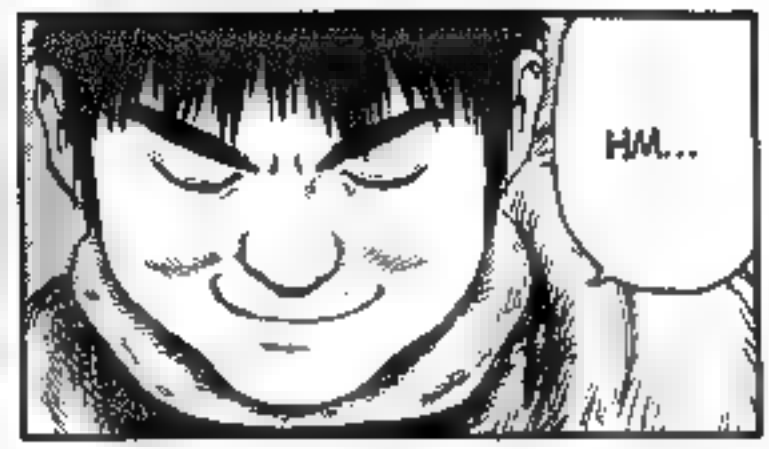
NA...
NATSUKO...

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME IF I WERE TO BE YOUR FRIEND ?
OK, SO...
MAS-TER!

MAY-BE I'LL HEAR YOU OUT.
BUT SINCE NATSUKO IS HERE
WELL...

HUM...
IF I HAD TO LISTEN ONLY TO SOME GEEZERS, I WOULDN'T GIVE A SHIT.

!!?
30 MILLION YEN!
NO SHIT!


HM...

I WANT AT LEAST 10 MILLION YEN!
YOU'LL HAVE 30.

HYAA...
!!?
WAH! KAN-CHAN!
YOU'LL SEE JUNKO ASAGIRI AGAIN.
AS A RECOMPENSE, I'LL BE YOURS
I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WANT.

AND AS A BONUS...
ER... WHAT ?

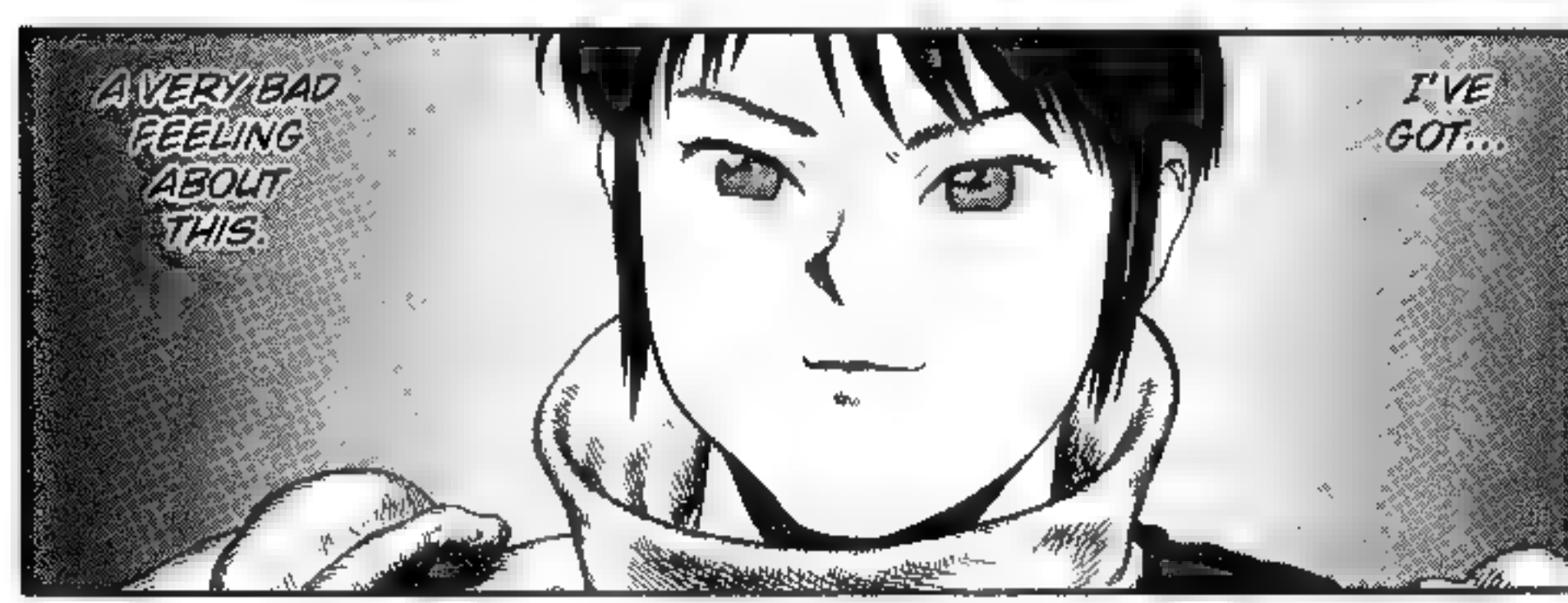
IT'S POSSIBLE ?!
She's staying stone-faced.

JUNKO'S INSIDE THE OASIS.
YOU THINK I'M SOME KIND OF IDIOT?

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, OF COURSE.
IF WE HELP THESE PEOPLE, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.
A scission.
A SCISSION OCCURED INSIDE THE GOVERNMENT.

SHE'S NOT THE UPRIGHT GIRL I KNEW.
WHAT DOES NATSUKO WANT?
BUT...

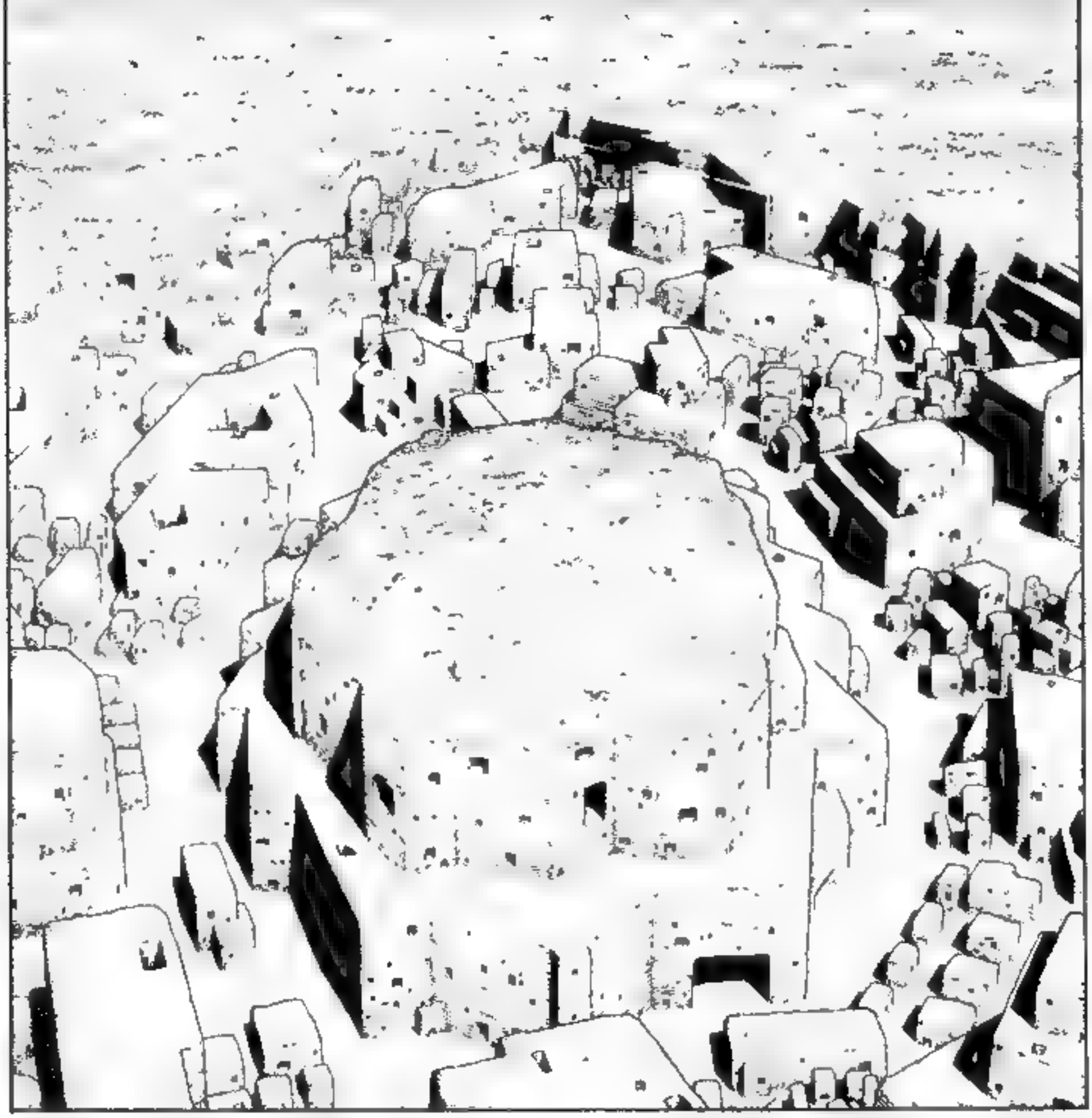
Who are these geezers ?


A VERY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
I'VE GOT...

AL-
RIGHT...

WHAT DO
YOU WANT
TO DO?

Could Sunabo-Zu and Taiko be involved in some terrible adventure?



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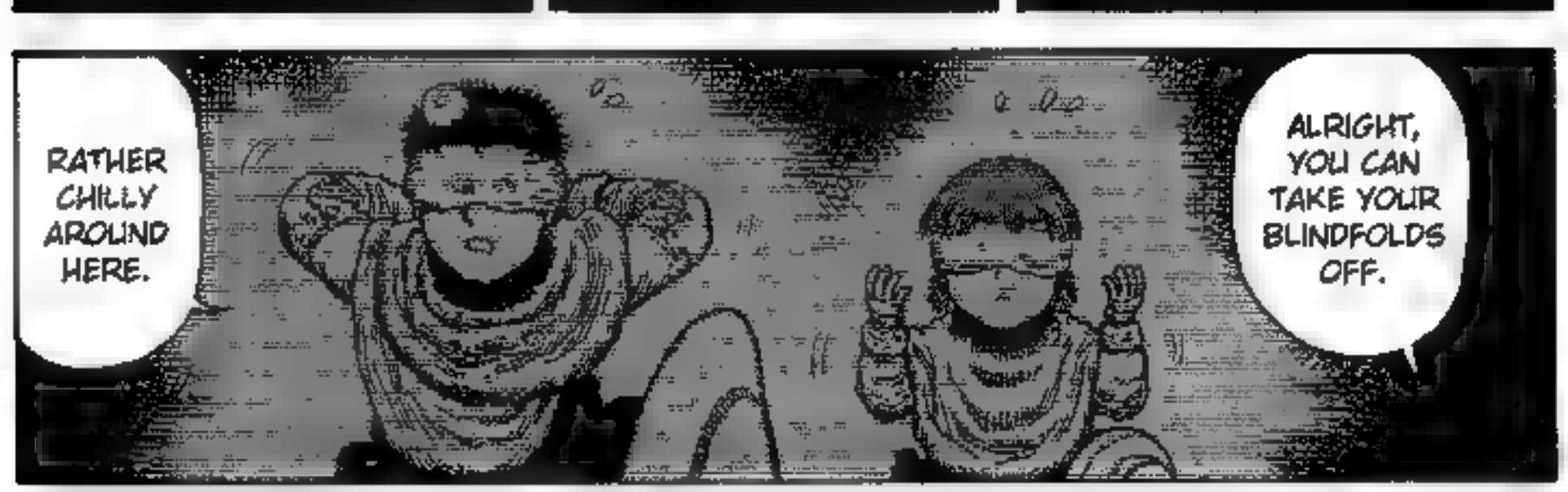
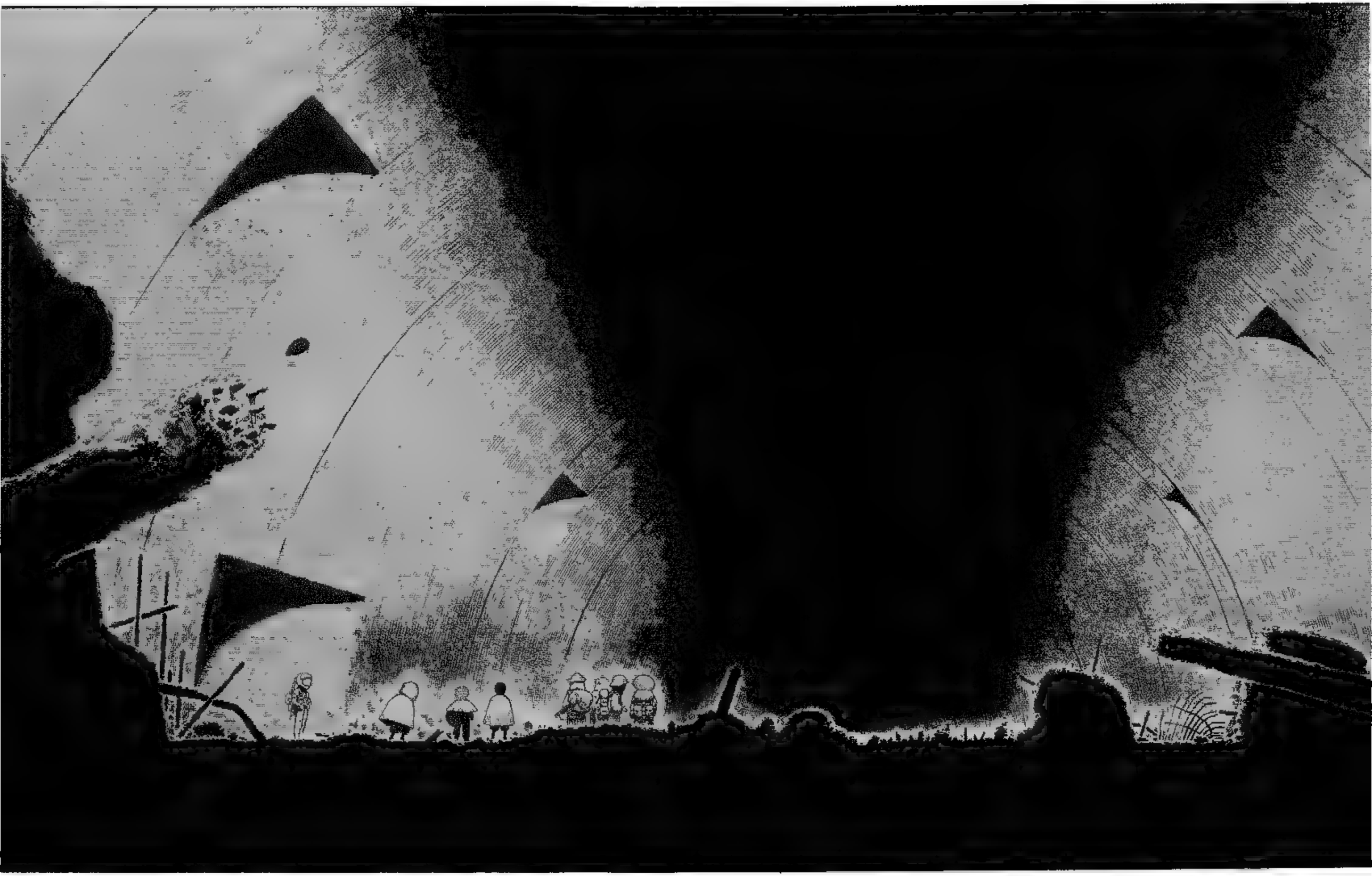
WE WENT PRETTY DEEP ALREADY.
IT'S SCARY.
ALMOST THERE.

OUCH!
AH, SHIT!
WE'LL BE THERE SHORTLY. WATCH YOUR STEP!
YEAH, AND HOW?!


RATHER CHILLY AROUND HERE.
ALRIGHT, YOU CAN TAKE YOUR BLINDFOLDS OFF.

OOOH!
OH!



THE LEGENDARY CITY OF THE ANKOKU ERA.
WE'RE 300M BELOW THE SURFACE.
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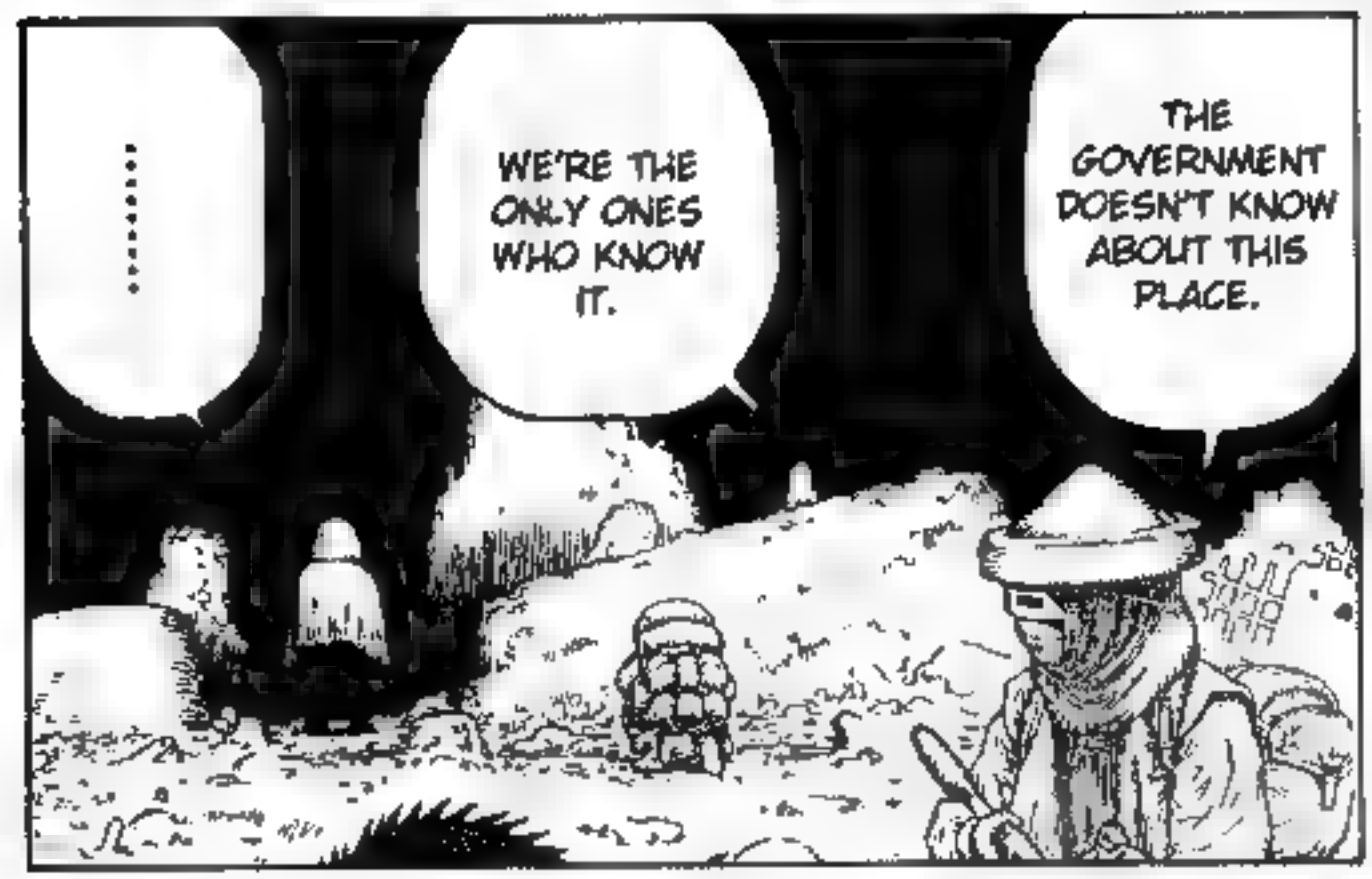
IMPRESSIVE, EH? THIS IS OUR DIS-COVERY.
SUCH A VAST THING UNDER-GROUND?!
WHERE ARE WE?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WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW IT.
THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE.

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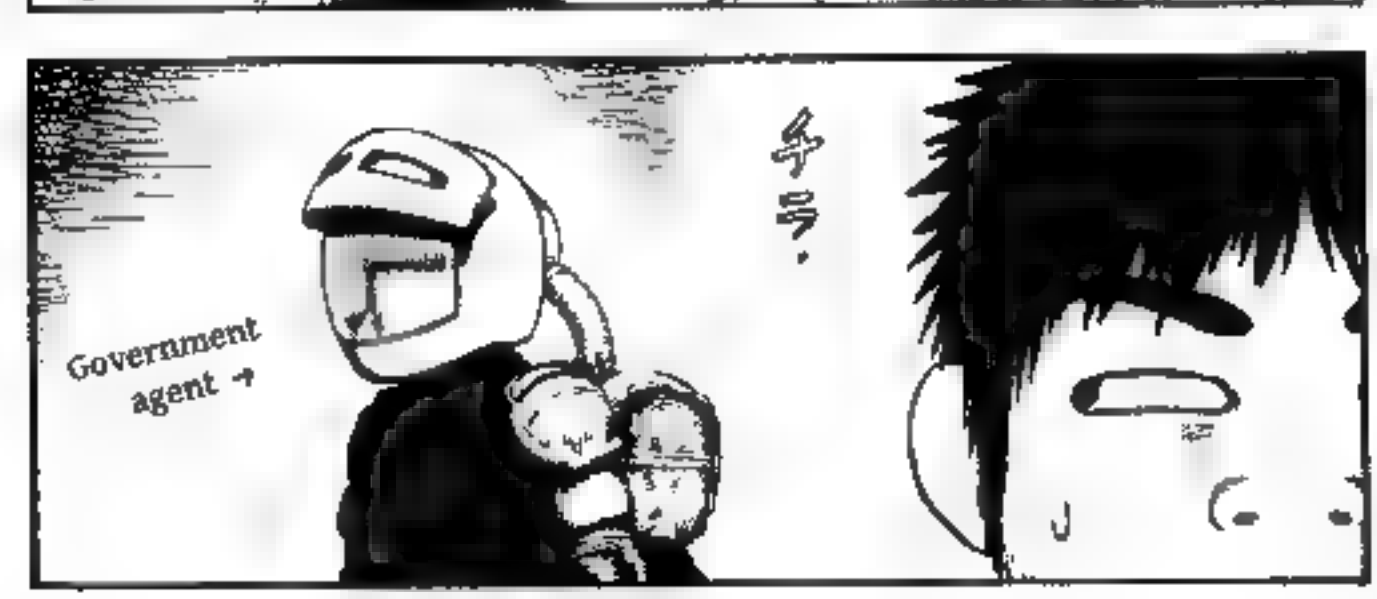
LEGEN-DARY?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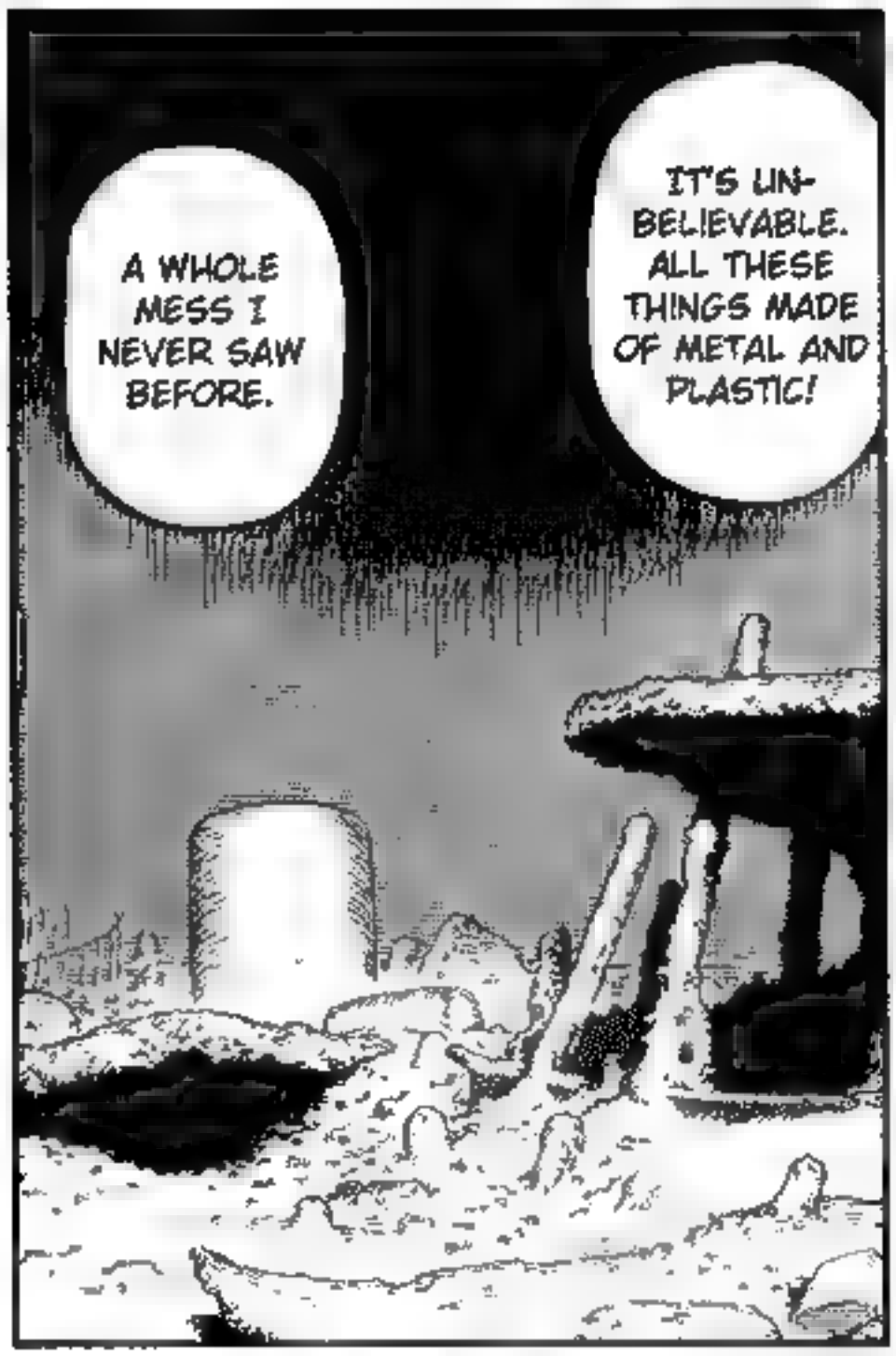
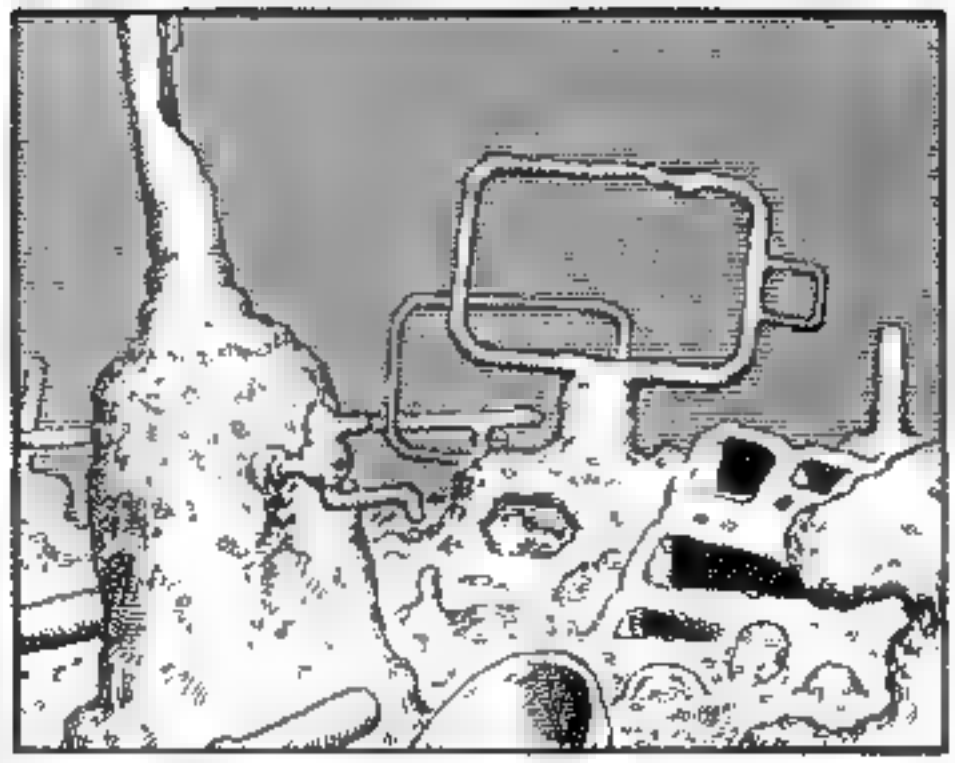
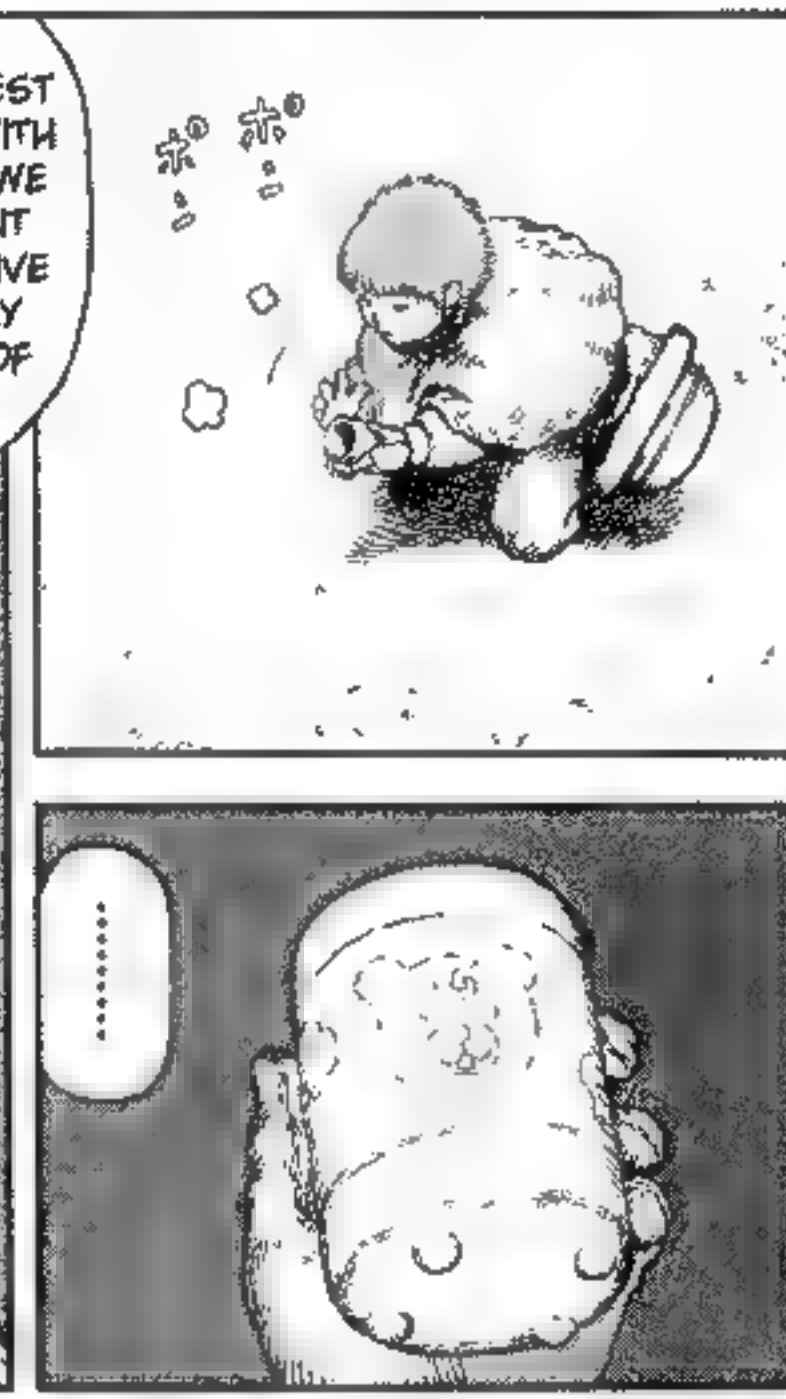

A WHOLE MESS I NEVER SAW BEFORE.
IT'S UN-BELIEVABLE. ALL THESE THINGS MADE OF METAL AND PLASTIC!



MASTER, HAVE A LOOK AT THIS!

PLUS ALL THE REST WE DON'T SEE. WITH ALL THE MONEY WE COULD MAKE OUT OF IT, I COULD LIVE WITHOUT WORRY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
THAT'S NOT OUR PURPOSE.



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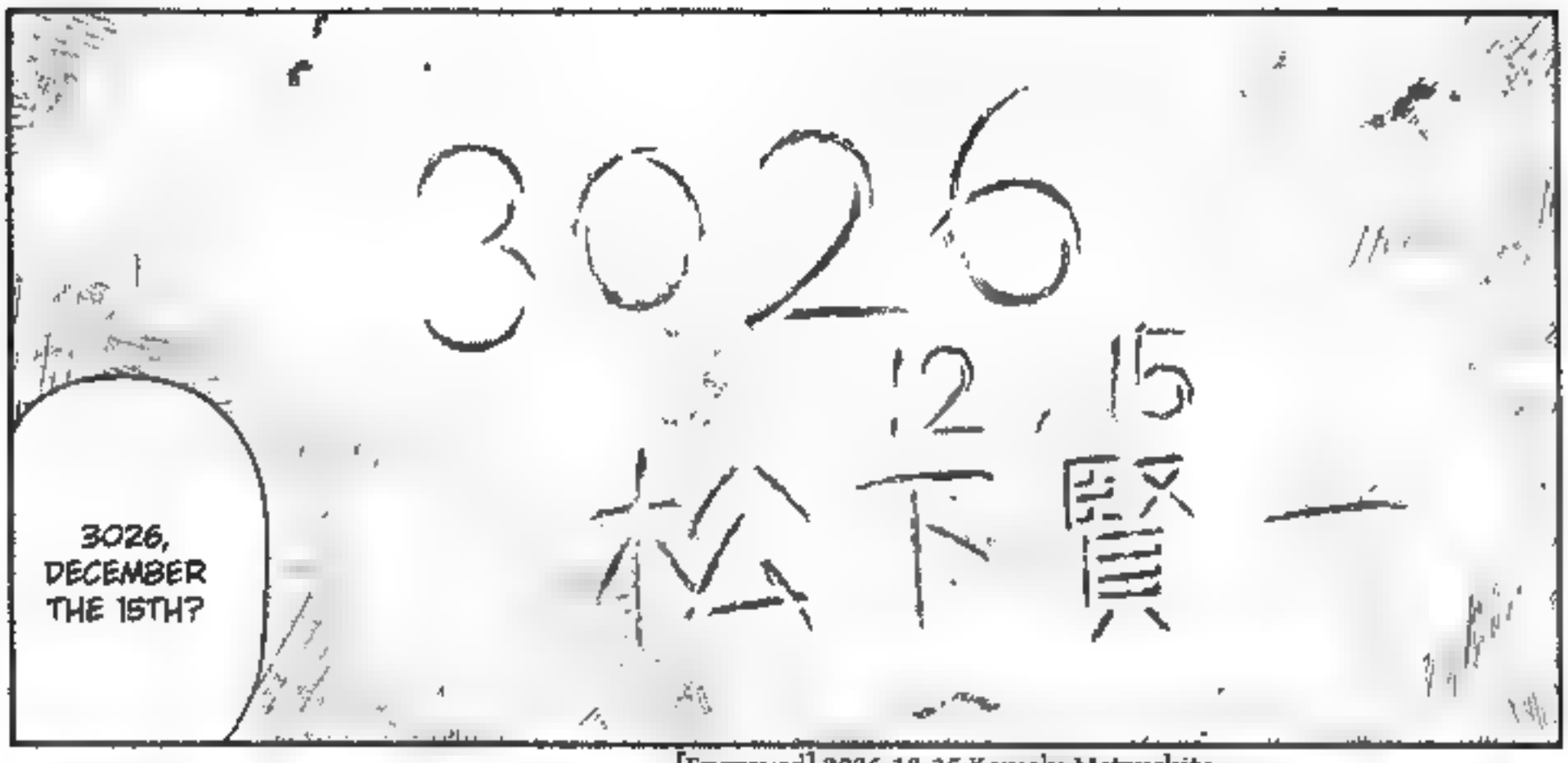

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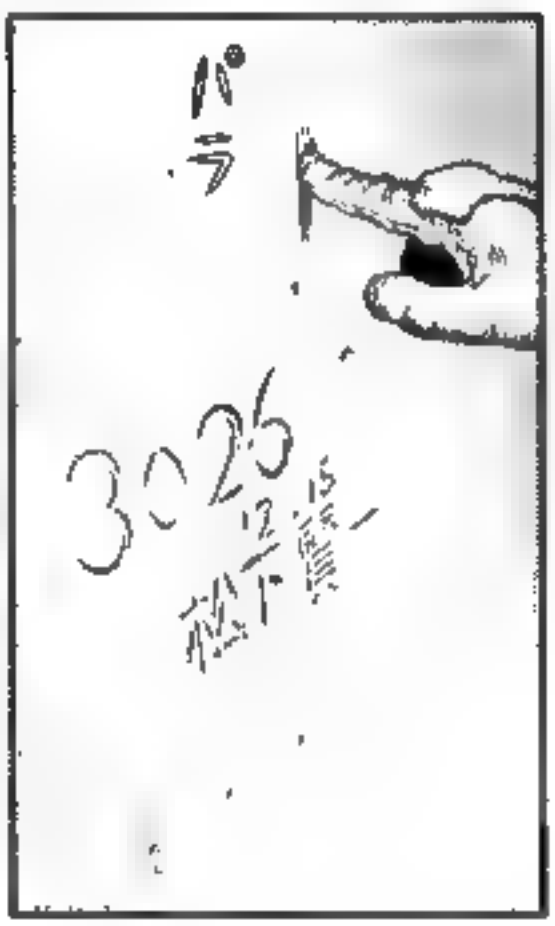
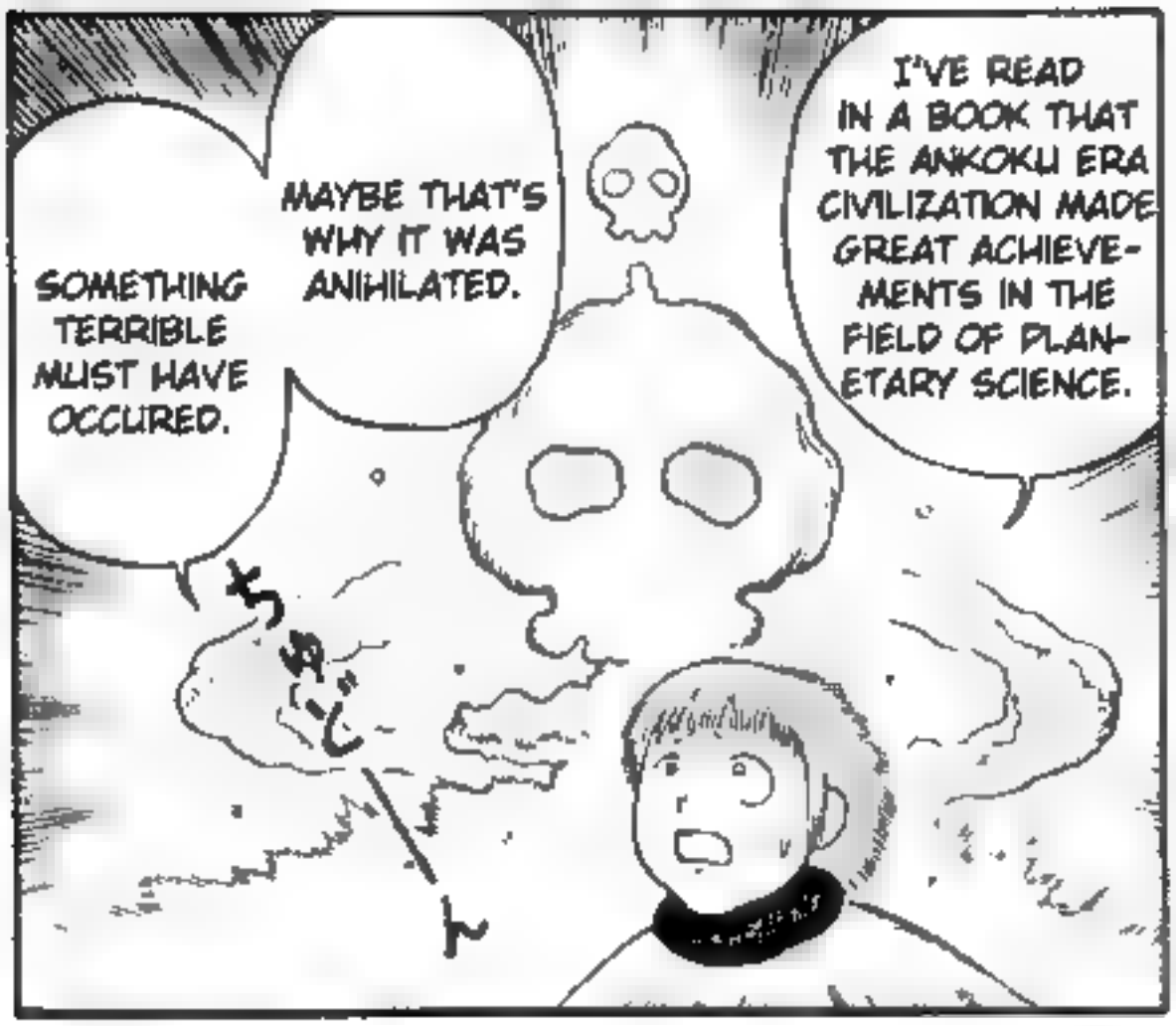
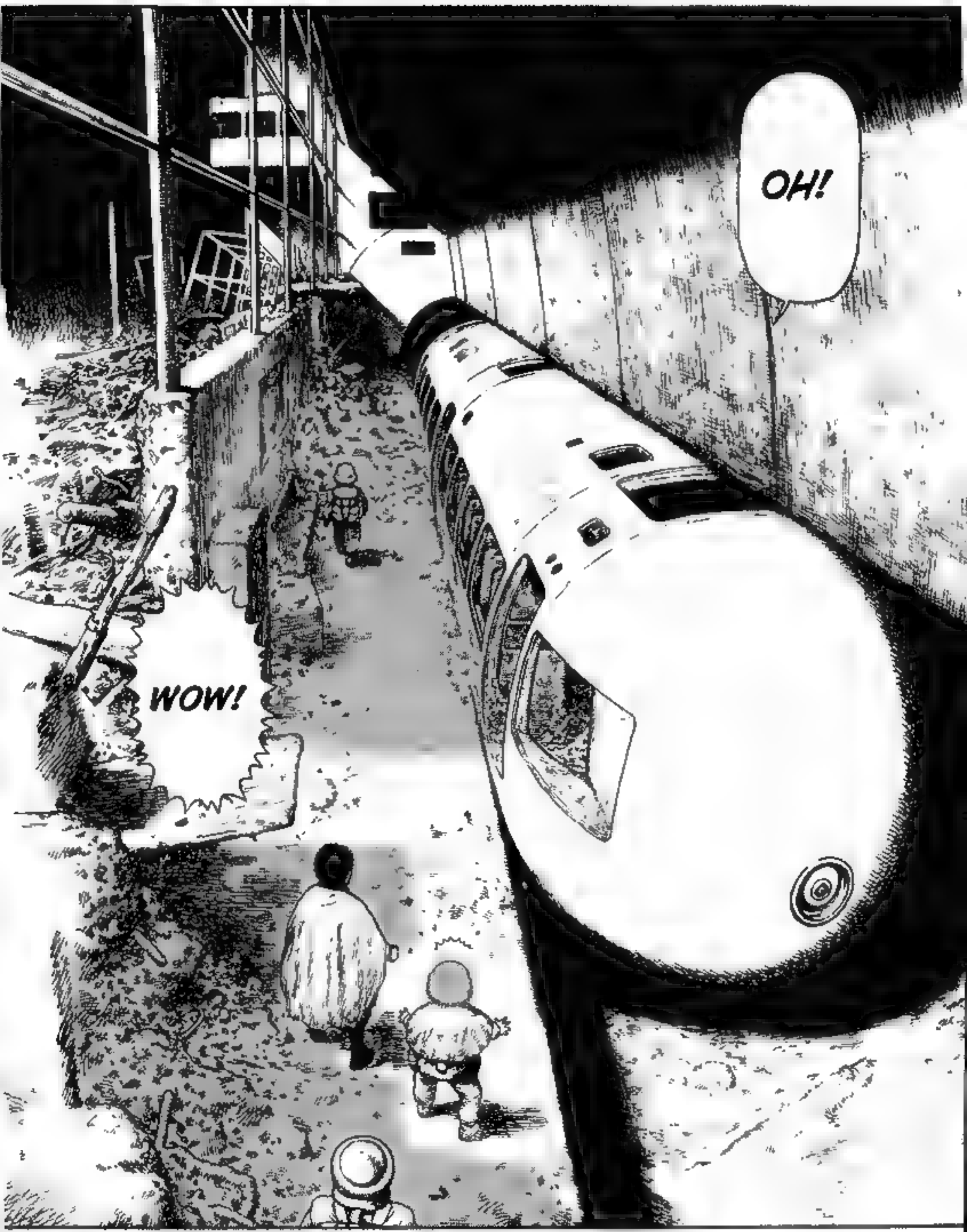



SOMETHING TERRIBLE MUST HAVE OCCURED.
MAYBE THAT'S WHY IT WAS ANIHILATED.
I'VE READ IN A BOOK THAT THE ANKOKU ERA CIVILIZATION MADE GREAT ACHIEVE-MENTS IN THE FIELD OF PLAN-ETARY SCIENCE.

WELL... IN ANY CASE, A LOT OF PEOPLE DIED HERE.
WHAT COULD HAVE... HAPPENED?

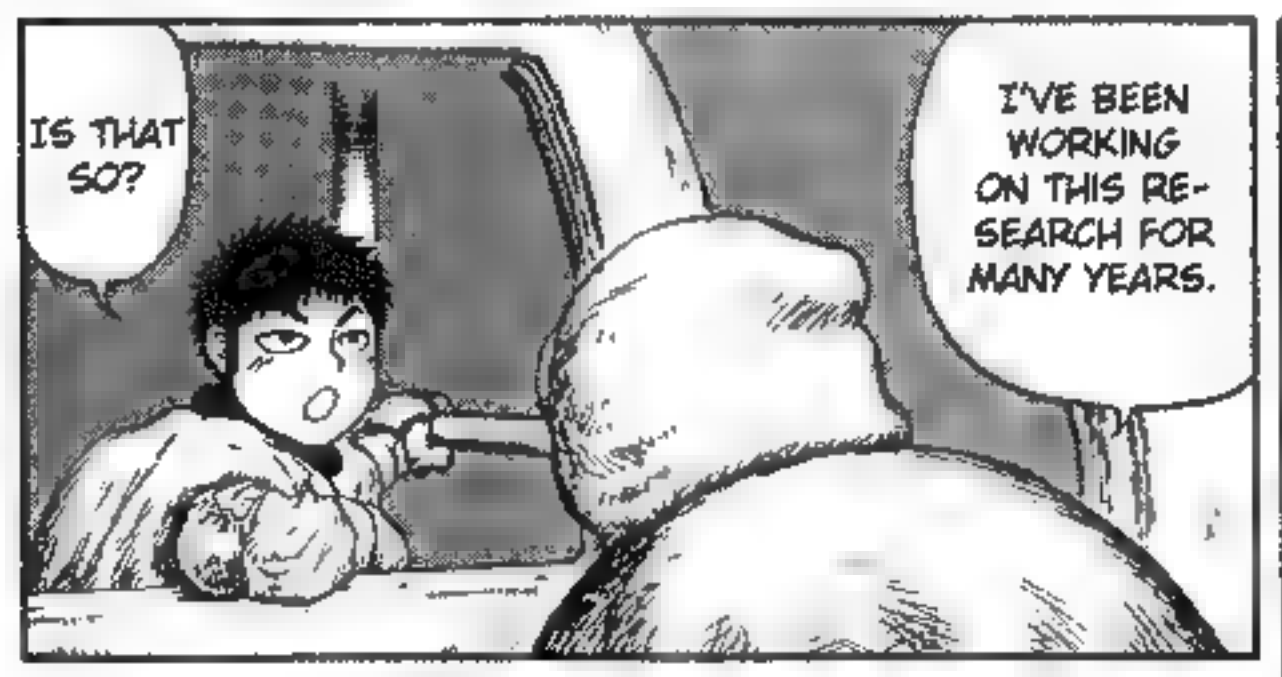
AH... ALL OF THIS HAPPENED SO LONG AGO.
DID MR. MATSUSHITA EVENTUALLY FIND HIS FAMILY?

HM?


OH!
WOW!

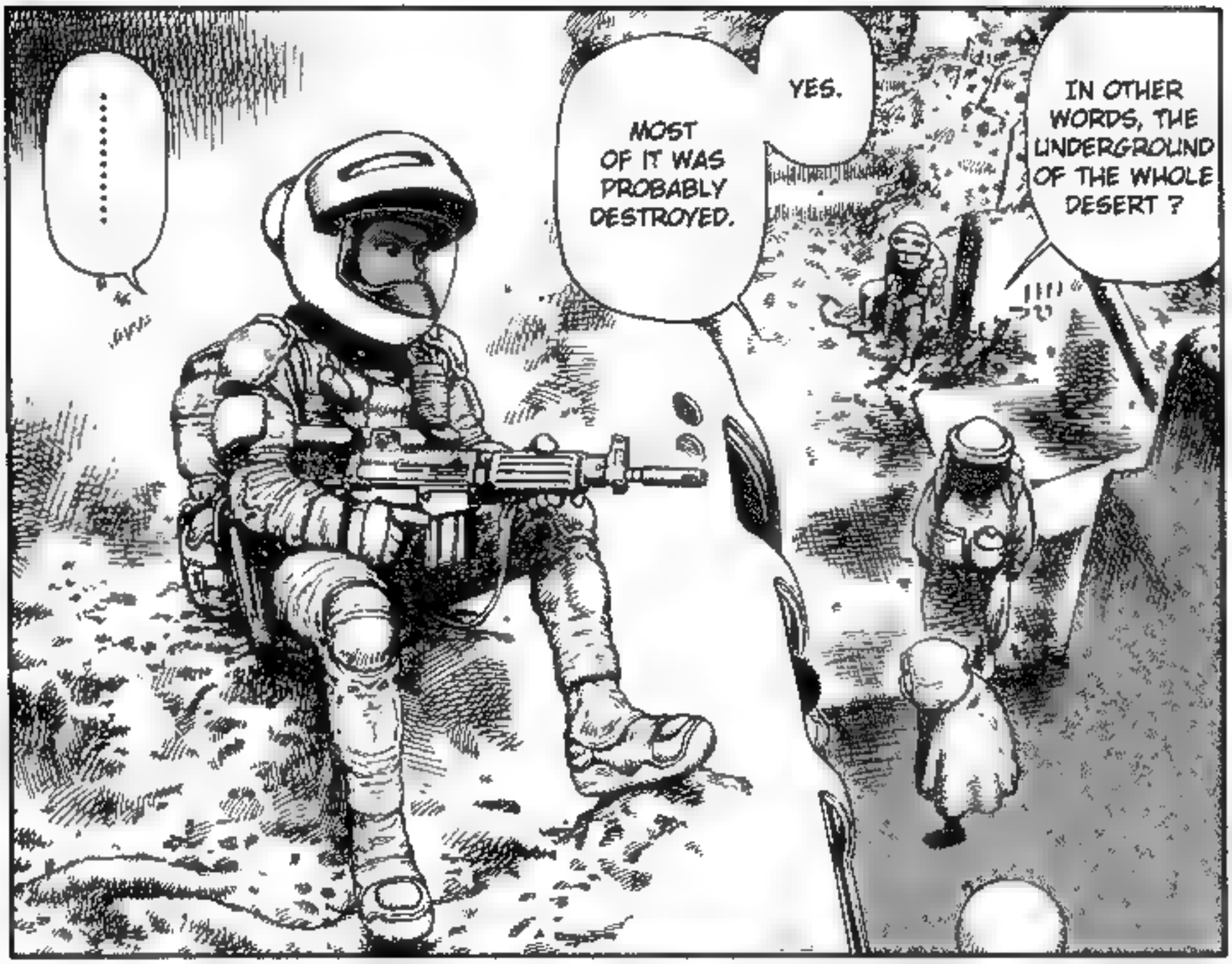
Holy cow!
WOAH, AWESOME!

A TRAIN!
IT'S A...
YES, I SAW ONE OF THESE IN A BOOK.
EX-ACTLY!


IS THAT SO?
I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS RE-SEARCH FOR MANY YEARS.

THIS UN-DERGROUND CITY WAS IMPORTANT?
COULD IT MEAN THAT...
IN-DEED IT WAS.

ABOUT THE SAME AREA AS THE KANTO VALLEY.
AROUND THE END OF THE ANKOKU ERA, IT COVERED...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MOST OF IT WAS PROBABLY DESTROYED.
YES.
IN OTHER WORDS, THE UNDERGROUND OF THE WHOLE DESERT ?

MMH...

DIDN'T TURN OUT WELL FOR THIS ONE, EH?

IT SEEMS THE INHABITANTS MANAGED TO ESCAPE ONLY THROUGH THE SUBTERRANEAN FACILITIES.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

SOME PEOPLE WENT THROUGH GREAT LENGTHS TO DIG IN WHAT TURNS OUT TO BE A GIGANTIC GRAVEYARD.

ONCE IN THE OASIS, WE'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU CAN MEET HER.

BUT WHAT ABOUT JUNKO?

ALRIGHT, I'VE SEEN A LOT OF INTERESTING THINGS...

CALM DOWN, CALM DOWN!

I WOULD KILL YOU.

I COULD JUST SHOVE OFF.

IT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD, BUT...

FURTHER-MORE, YOU WERE BLIND-FOLDED.

AND IT'S WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE MODIFICATIONS WE MADE. A NOVICE CAN'T MAKE IT OUT OF THERE.

BETWEEN THE RUINS OUTSIDE AND THE UNDERGROUND CITY, IT'S JUST A NETWORK OF TUNNELS AND CAVES. A REAL LABYRINTH OF ROCK.

WHAT?!

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE.

I WON'T DIE.

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY WEAPON EITHER.

SO WHY NOT LISTEN TO THE REST OF IT?

IF YOU FOOLISHLY TRY TO FLEE, YOU WILL DIE.

WELL, JUST TO THE EN-TRANCE.

MY FATHER TOOK ME THERE ONCE WHEN I WAS A KID.

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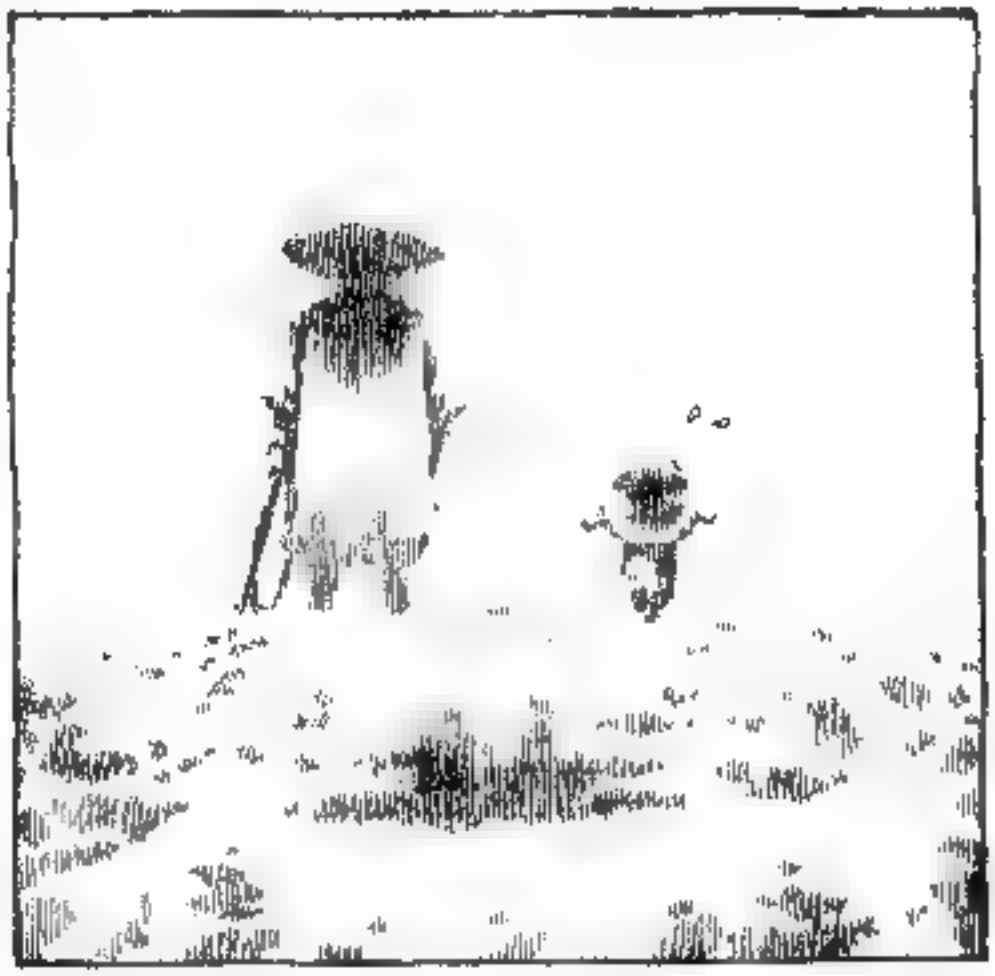
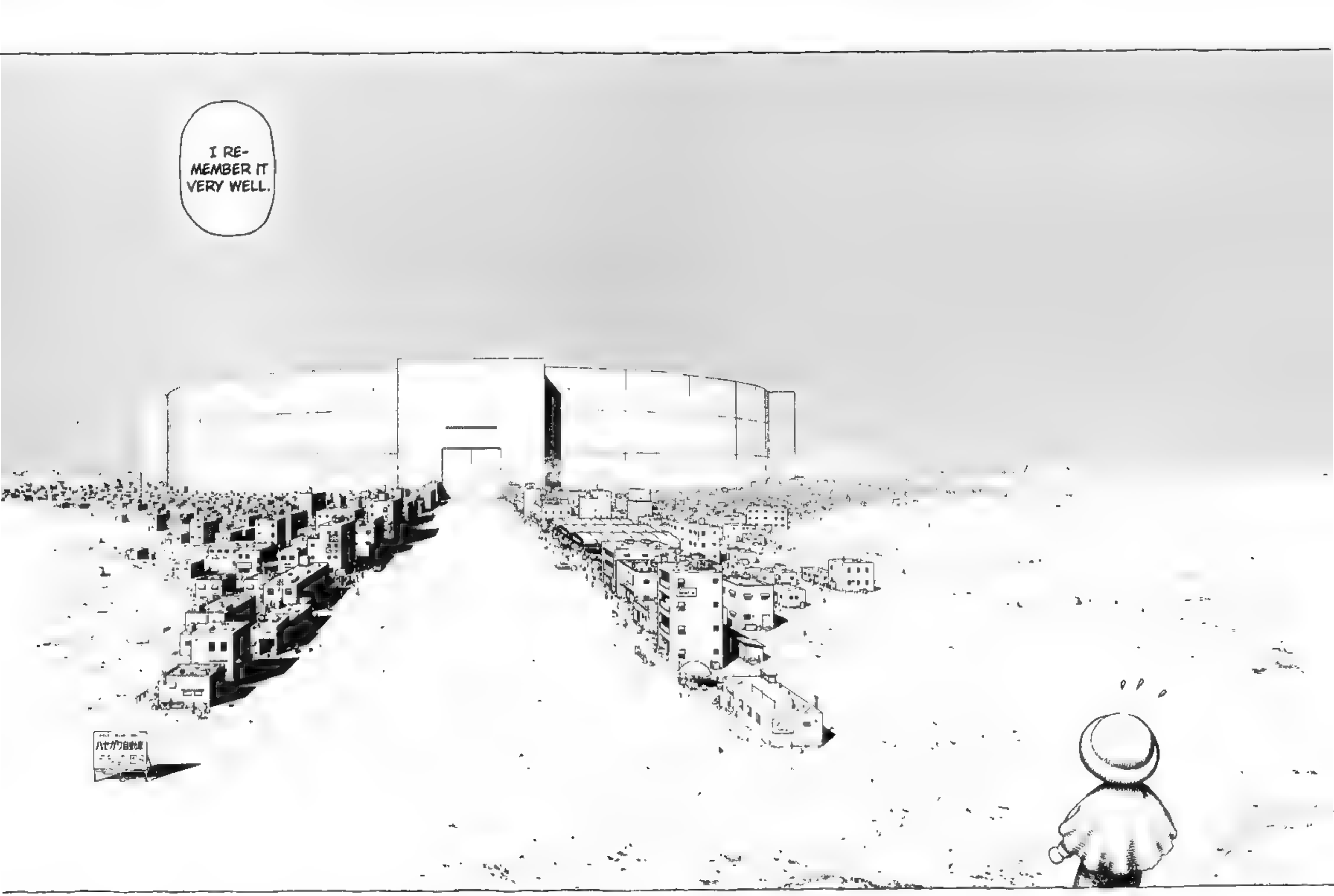
WENT TO THE OASIS, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU AL-READY...

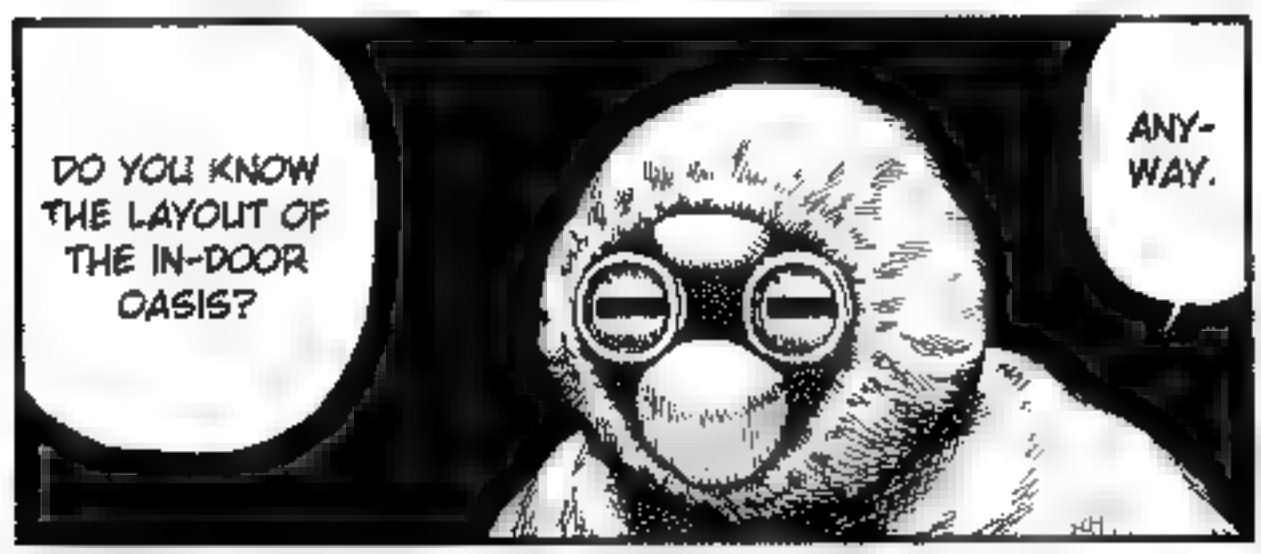



I RE-MEMBER IT VERY WELL.

A LOT OF SELLERS WERE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS PRIVILEGED LOCATION TO MAKE MONEY.

THE ENTRANCE DOOR WAS HUGE, REALLY IMPRESSIVE...

SO MAS-SIVE I FELT DIZZY.



A SUBTER-RANEAN CITY?

NO?
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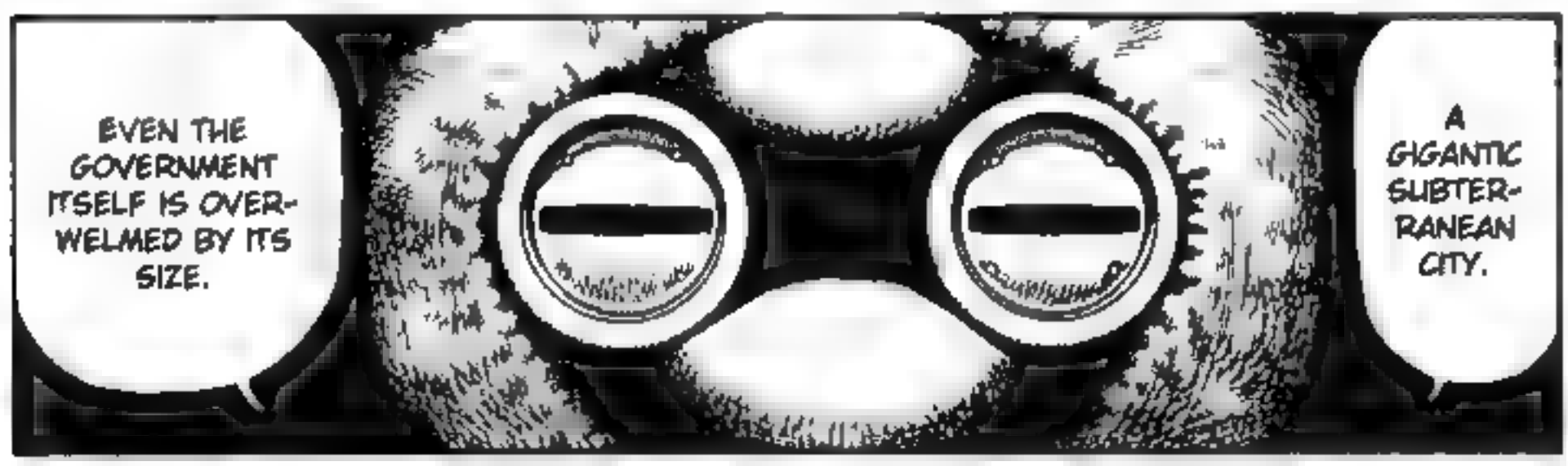
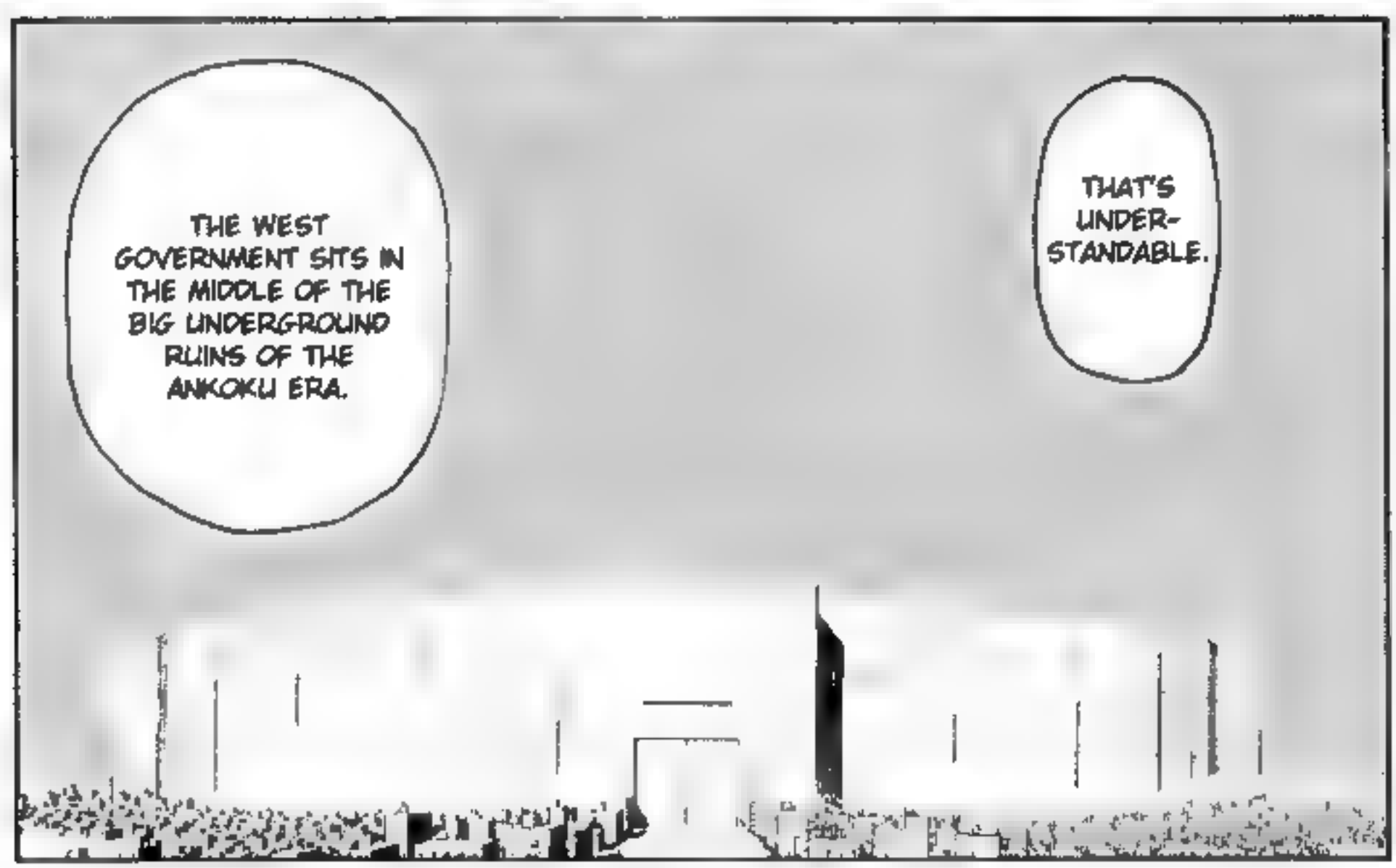
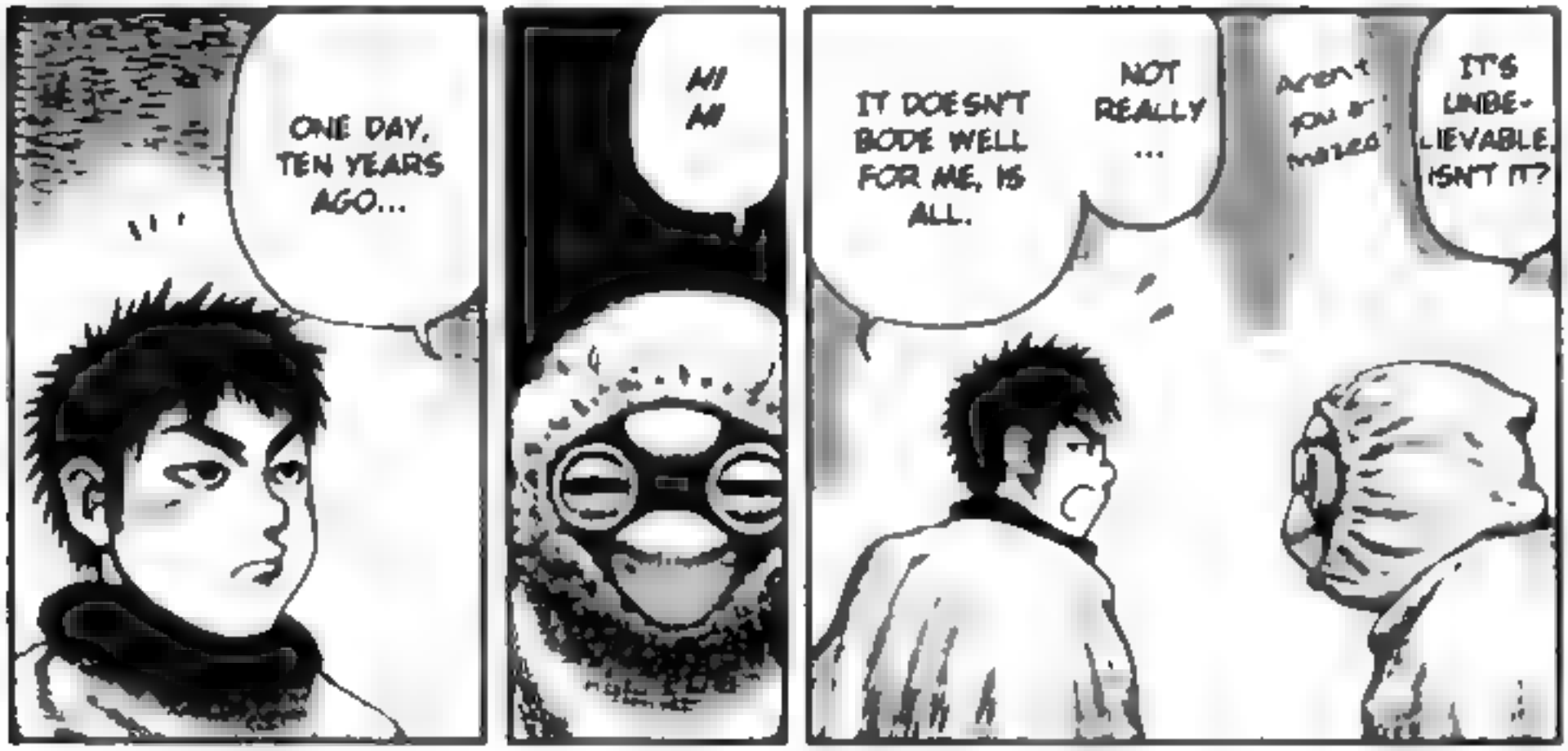
IT WAS A BIG SUBTERRANE-AN CITY.
ER... I HEARD THAT...


EVEN THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF IS OVER-WELMED BY ITS SIZE.
A GIGANTIC SUBTER-RANEAN CITY.


THE WEST GOVERNMENT SITS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BIG UNDERGROUND RUINS OF THE ANKOKU ERA.
THAT'S UNDER-STANDABLE.

THE GOVERNMENT USES ONLY HALF OF IT. A WHOLE CHUNK IS UNKNOWN TO THEM.

THE LOWEST LEVEL OF THIS GIGANTIC STRUCTURE PLUNGES 3000M DEEP INTO THE GROUND



CONSIDERING THE NUMBER OF CAVES THAT OVERLAP WITH ONE ANOTHER, THE UNFATHOMABLE PITFALLS...

ANYONE WHO GETS LOST IS CONDEMNED.

A LAND SURVEYOR GOT LOST INTO THE DEEPEST PART OF THE OASIS.

MORE THAN 60KM AWAY FROM THE OASIS...

BUT SURPRISINGLY, HE WAS FOUND AND RESCUED A WEEK LATER.

MANAGED TO REACH THE YONEZAWA RUINS BY GOING THROUGH THE UNDER-GROUND CITY.

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THAT THE GUY WHO GOT LOST INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE OASIS...

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Oooh~

?

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HUM, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

IN THE CORRIDOR WE TOOK EARLIER, UNDER THE YONEZAWA RUINS.

EEEH?

NO WAY!

IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S "BACKDOOR" TO THE OASIS.

IS HE... DEAD?

AND DISCOVERED THIS PLACE.

THAT'S WHEN I HEARD HIS LAST WORDS...

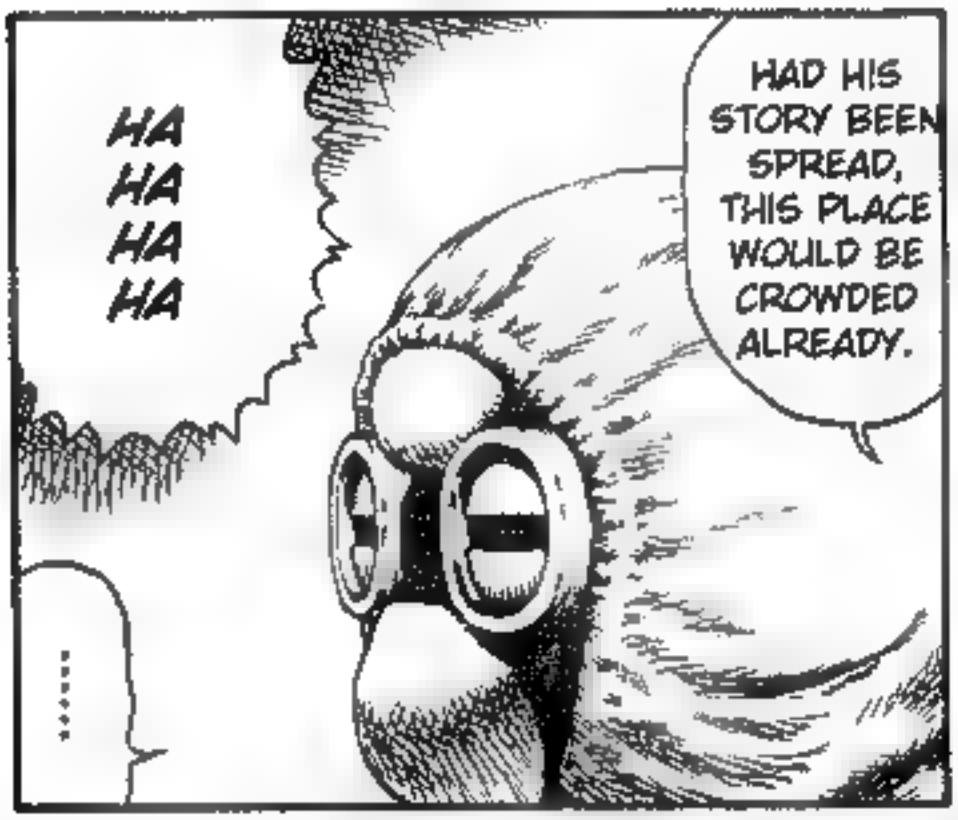
10 YEARS AGO, I CAME TO MAKE SOME DIGGINGS AT THE YONEZAWA SITE.

HE'S BEEN CAREFULLY BURIED WITH THE MINERS WHO DIED ACCIDENTALLY.

YES. A WEEK LATER, IN THE DARK, DESPAIR AND FEAR.

RECYCLING

WEST OASIS ENERGETIC RESOURCES DEPT


HA HA HA HA
HAD HIS STORY BEEN SPREAD, THIS PLACE WOULD BE CROWDED ALREADY.
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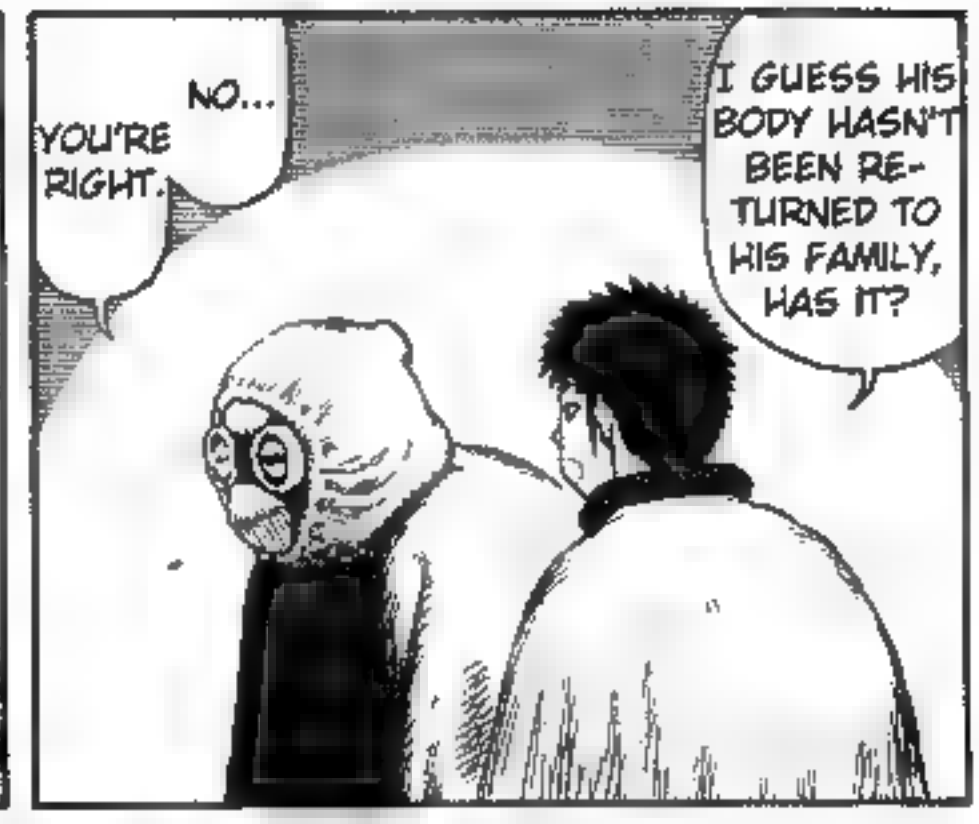
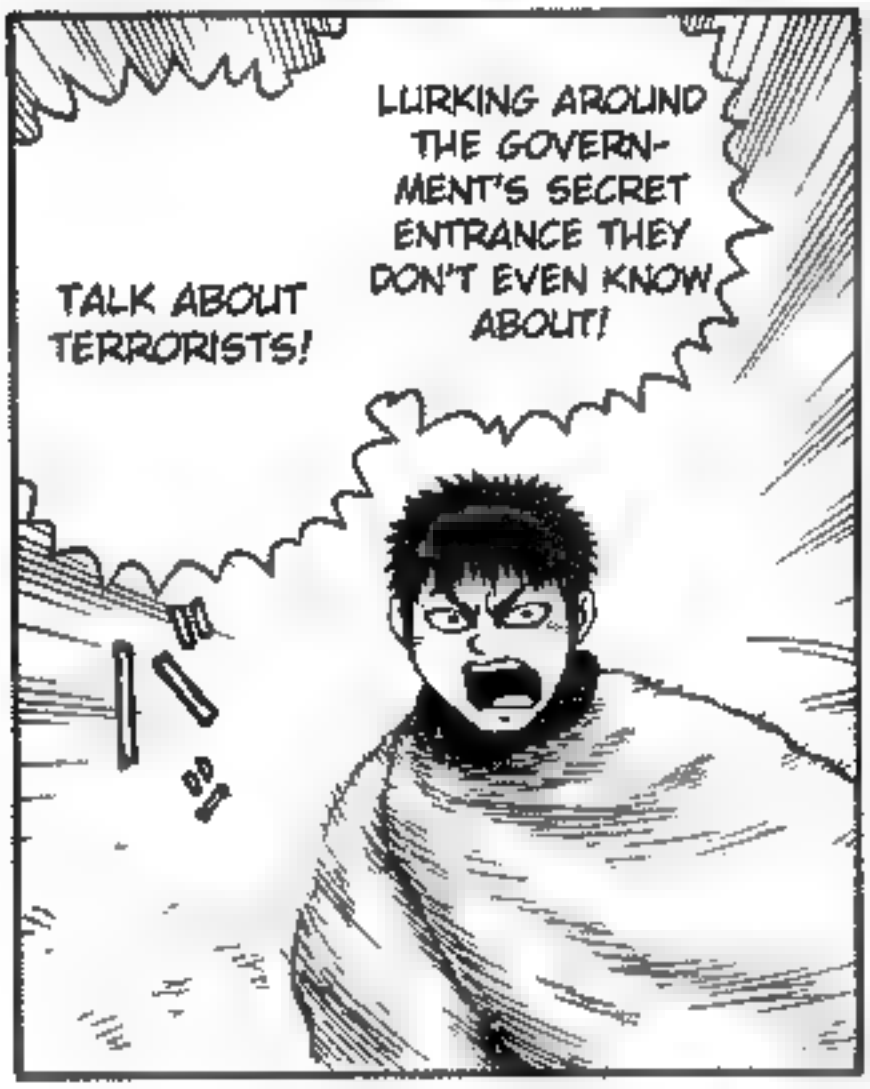
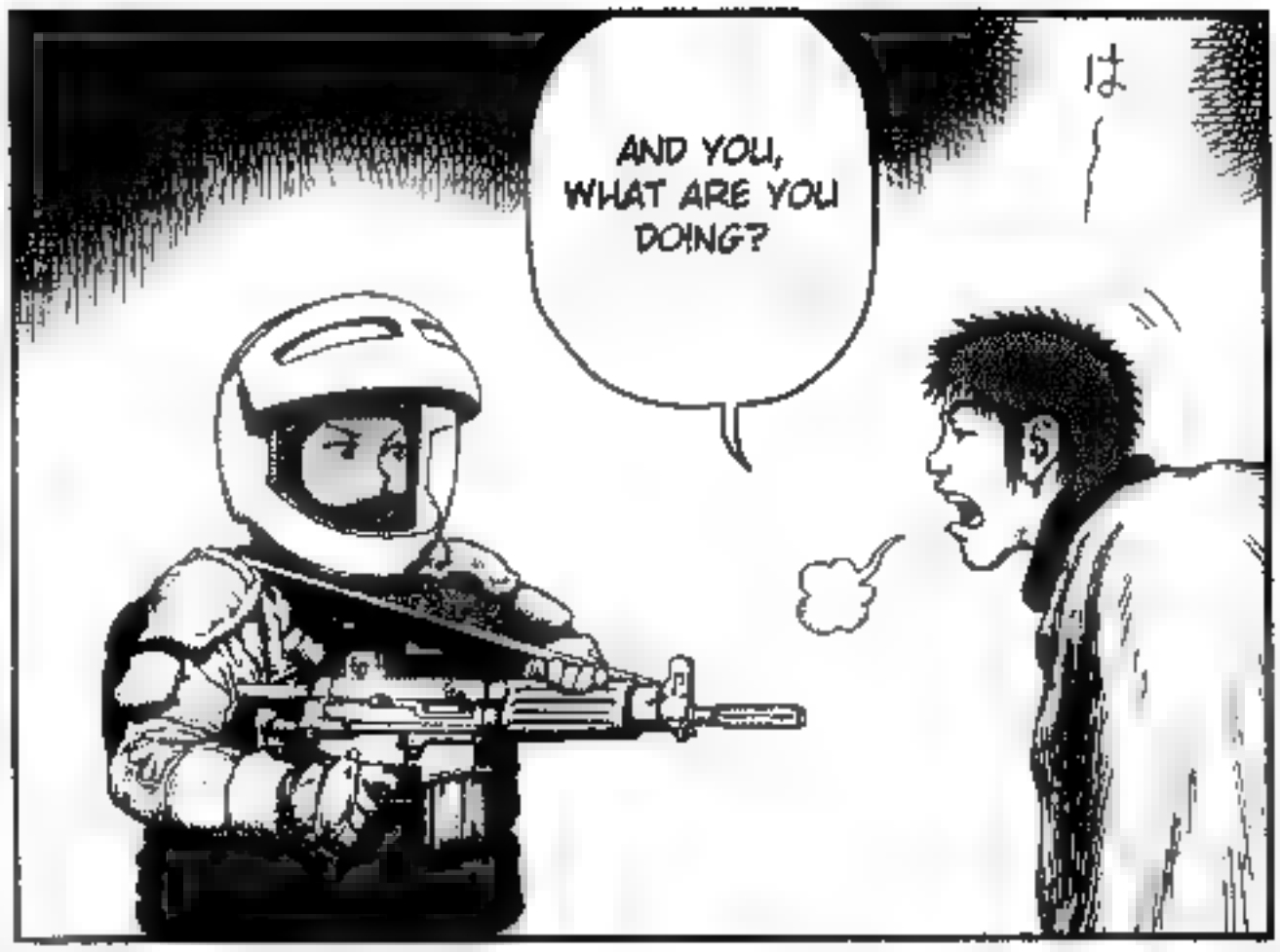

YOU'RE RIGHT.
NO...
I GUESS HIS BODY HASN'T BEEN RE-TURNED TO HIS FAMILY, HAS IT?


TALK ABOUT TERRORISTS!
LURKING AROUND THE GOVERN-MENT'S SECRET ENTRANCE THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT!

AND TAKING US IN, WHAT KIND OF AN IDEA IS THAT?
ALL OF THIS REALLY SMELLS FISHY.
GODDAMMIT!

PFU!
BUT I WAS BORN IN THE DESERT.
IT'S TRUE THAT I LIVE HERE AND THAT I WORK FOR THE GOV-ERNMENT.

I THOUGHT YOU SERVED THE GOVERNMENT HONESTLY.


AND YOU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
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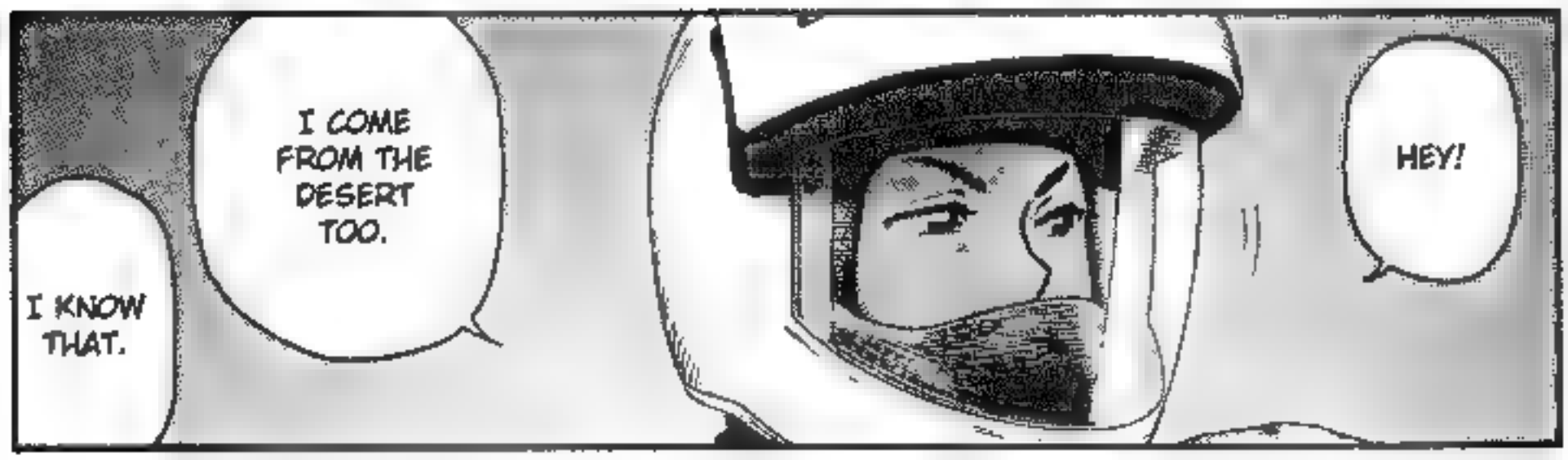
I KNOW THAT.
I COME FROM THE DESERT TOO.
HEY!

AM I RIGHT?
I'VE GOT THE FEELING WE'VE BEEN TAKEN IN SOME VERY COMPLICATED MISSION OF THE ARMY.
MASTER, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT ALL THIS?

IT'S WORSE THAN THAT.

WHILE OUR NUMBERS ARE FEW.
THE OTHER PARTY COUNTS MANY PARTISANS...

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YOU SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DIVIDED, DIDN'T YOU?

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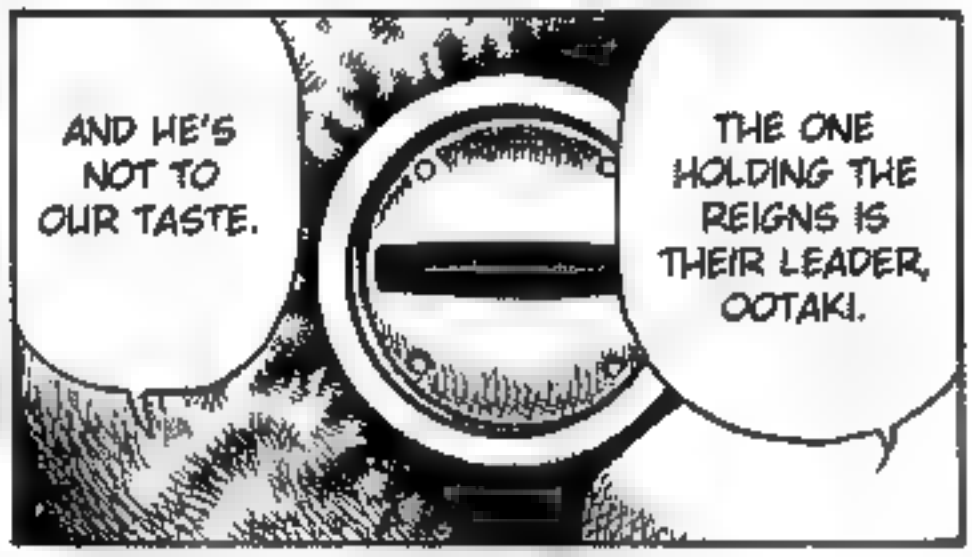
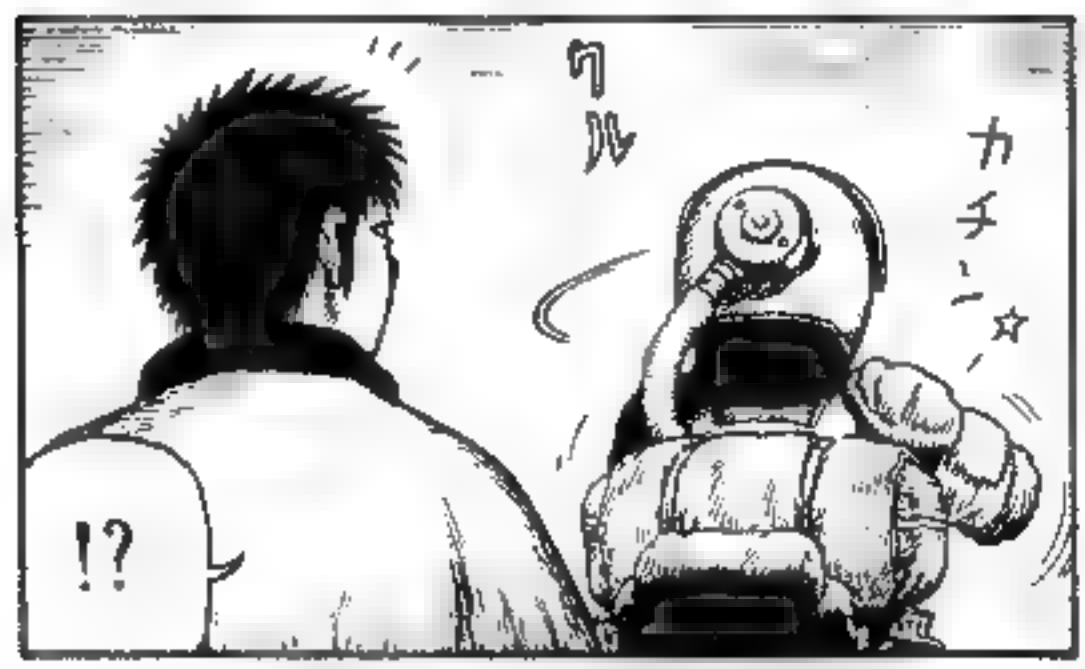

AND HE'S NOT TO OUR TASTE.
THE ONE HOLDING THE REIGNS IS THEIR LEADER, OOTAKI.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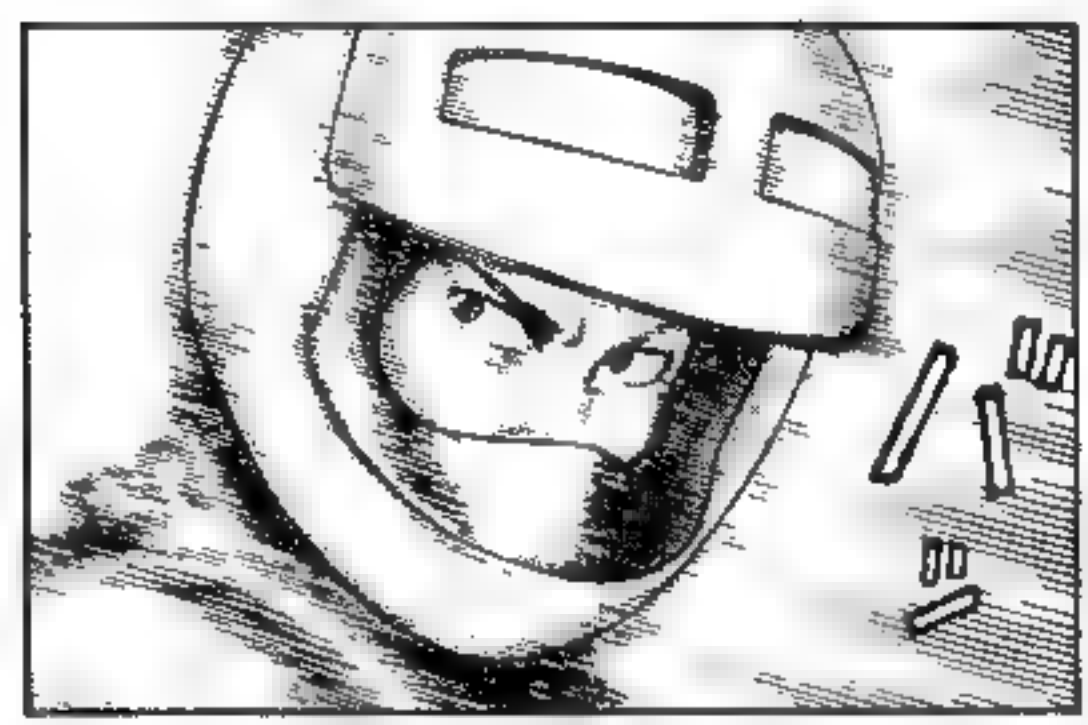
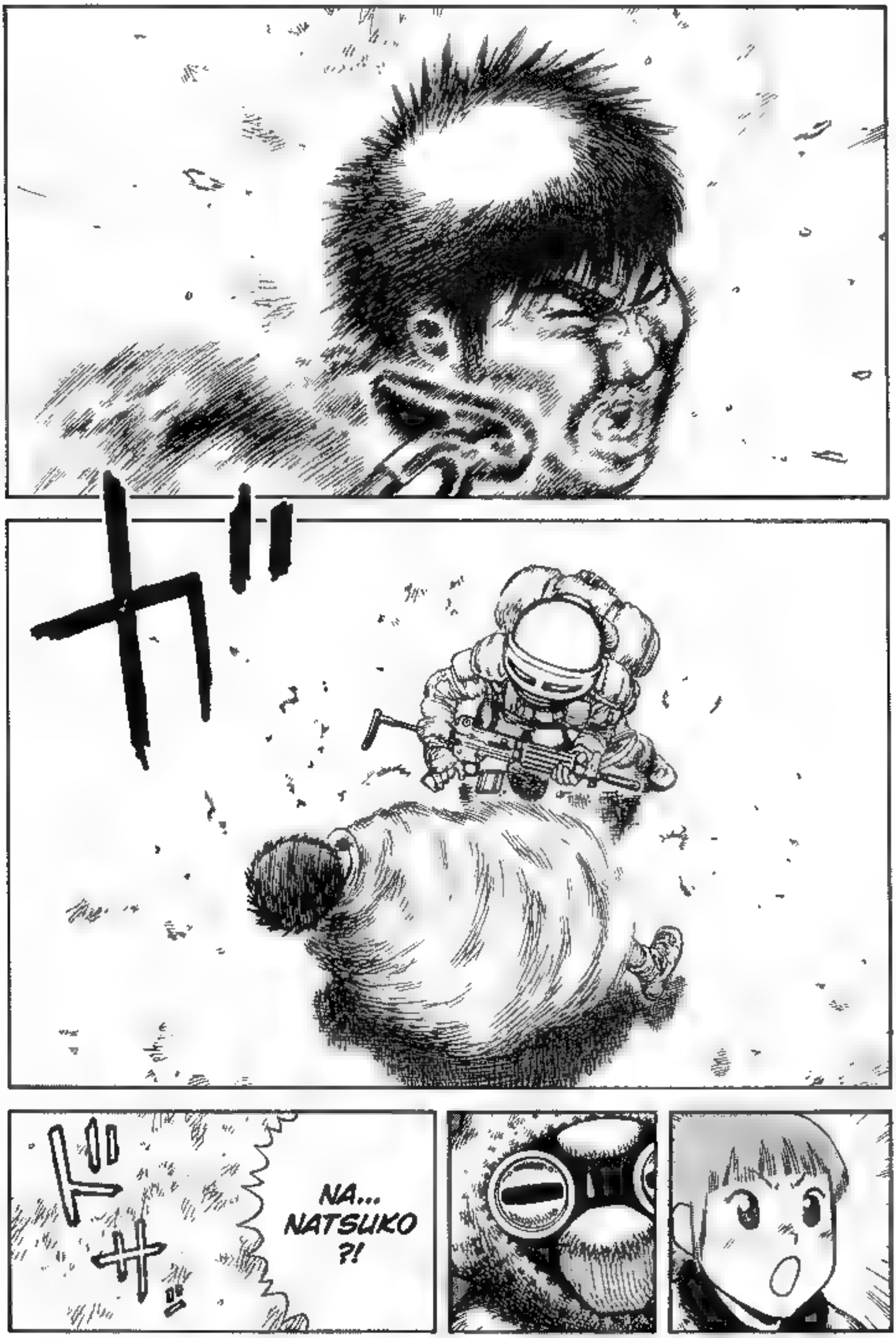


YOU'D LIVE LONGER.
YOU'D BE BETTER AT HOME WANKING YOURSELVES OFF.


NA...
NATSUKO
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WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER? SHE USED TO BE IMPASSIVE.

MASTER!

NO, NO VIOLENCE! PLEASE!

IT'S WAR BETWEEN THEM.

YES, BUT NOT THE GOOD KIND.

IS THAT SO? I THOUGHT THEY WERE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.

SHE GENUINELY HATES SUNABO-ZU.

YOU BASTARD!

TAKEN... CARE?!

YOU'D BE ALL THE MORE SWEETER.

PFH... IF I HAD TAKEN CARE OF YOU WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG...

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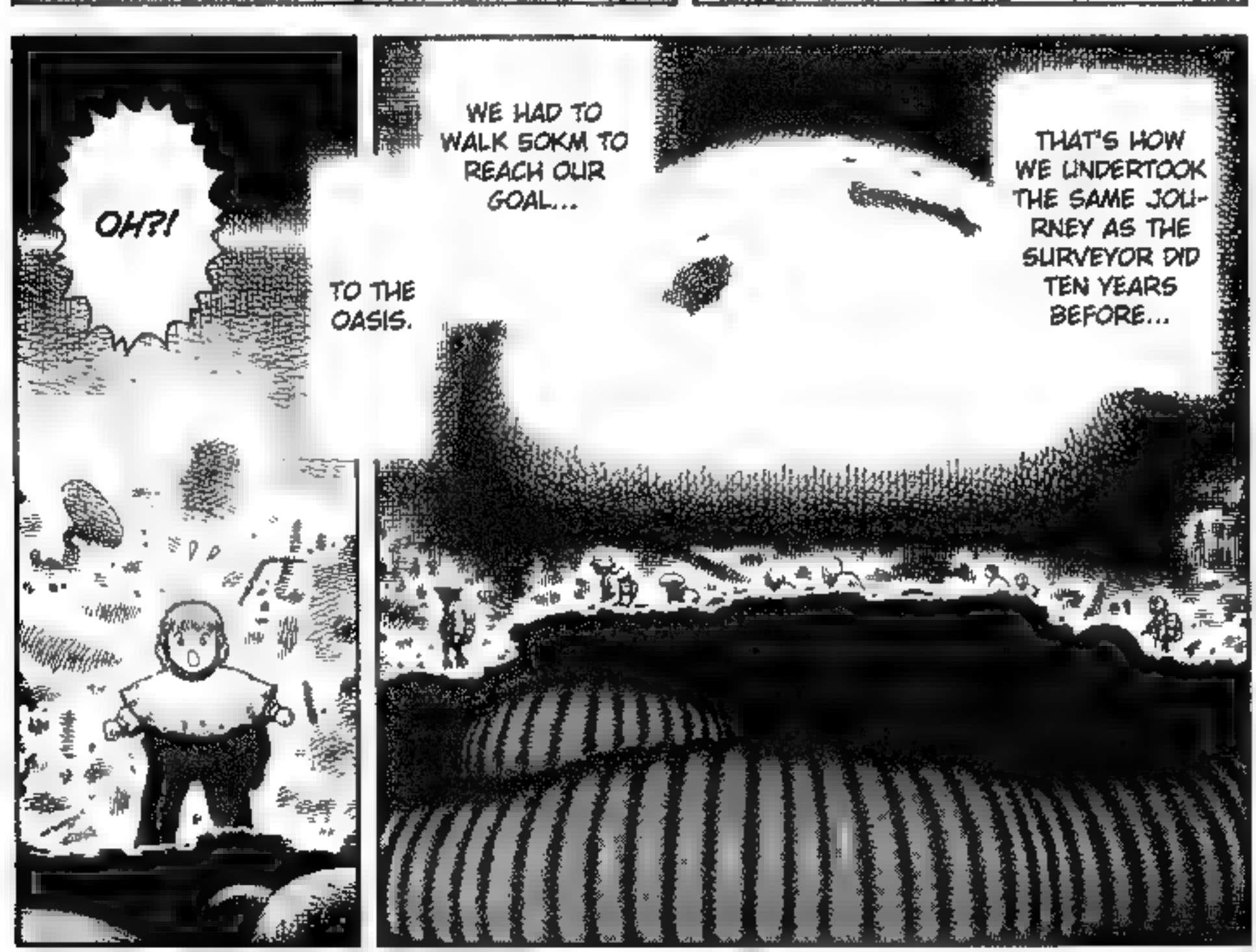
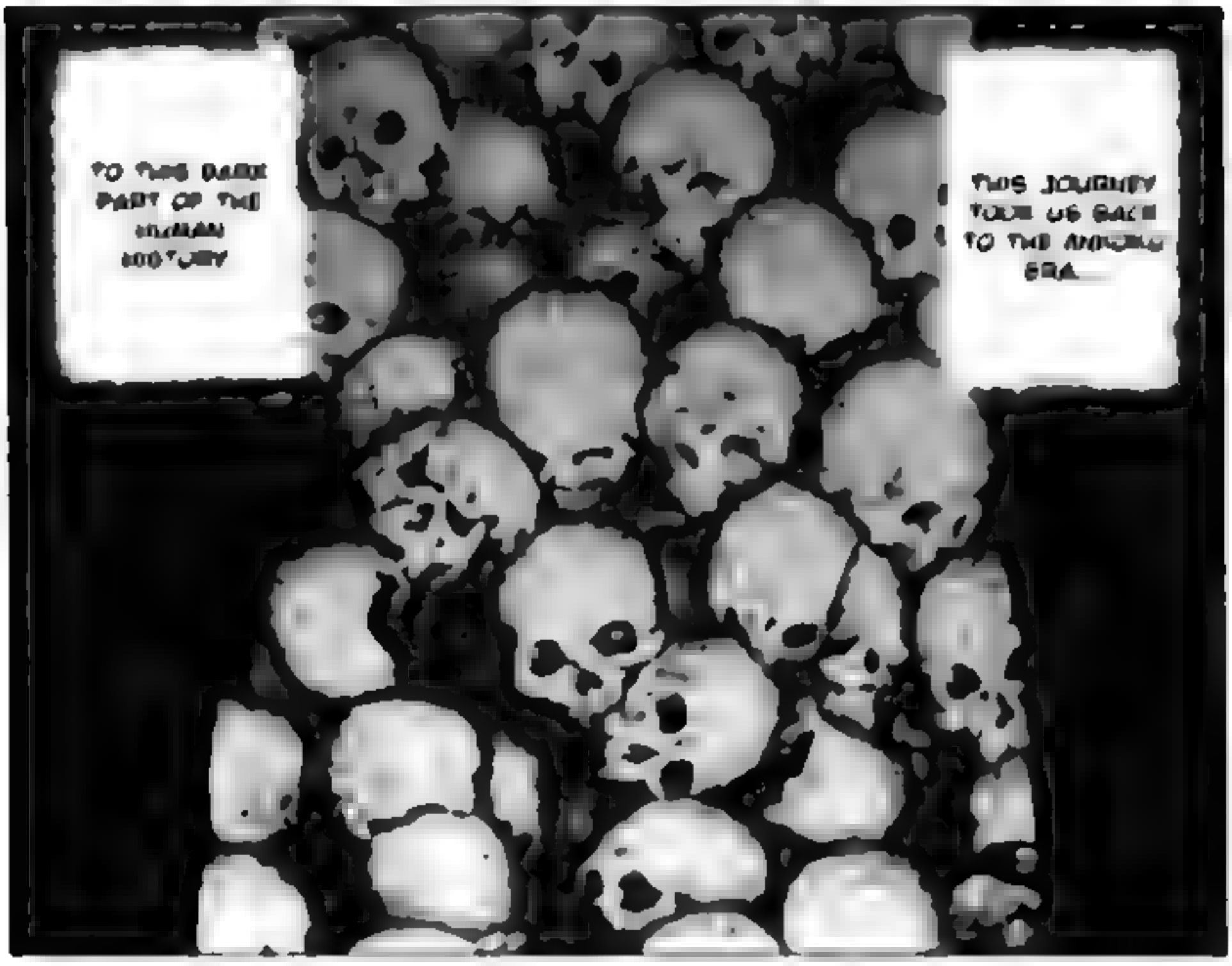
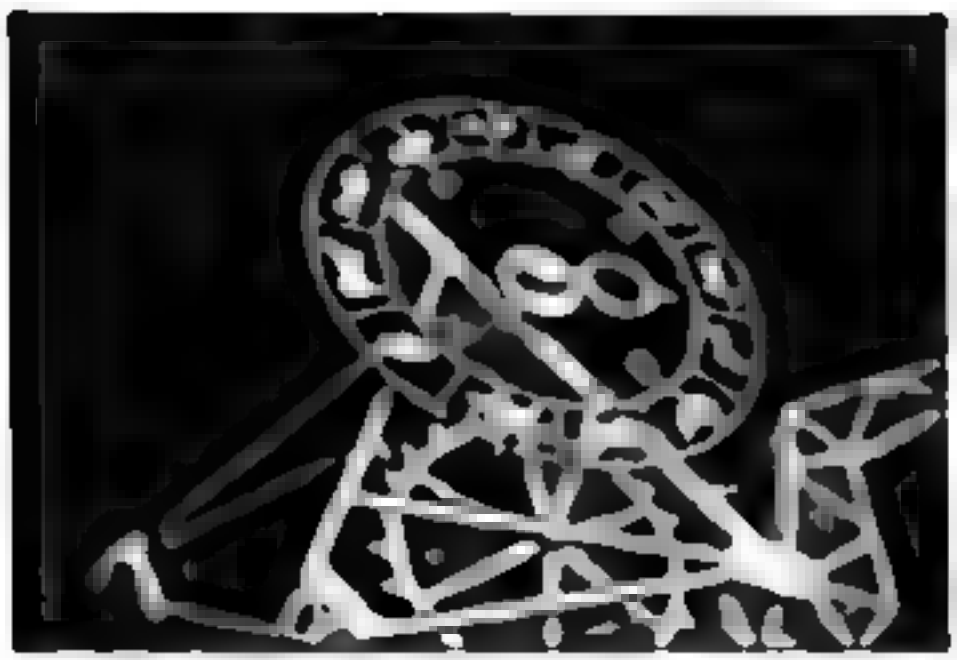
SO, WE CAN DISCREETLY INFILTRATE THE OASIS THROUGH THIS "BACK DOOR".
OH, WE'RE ALREADY HERE?

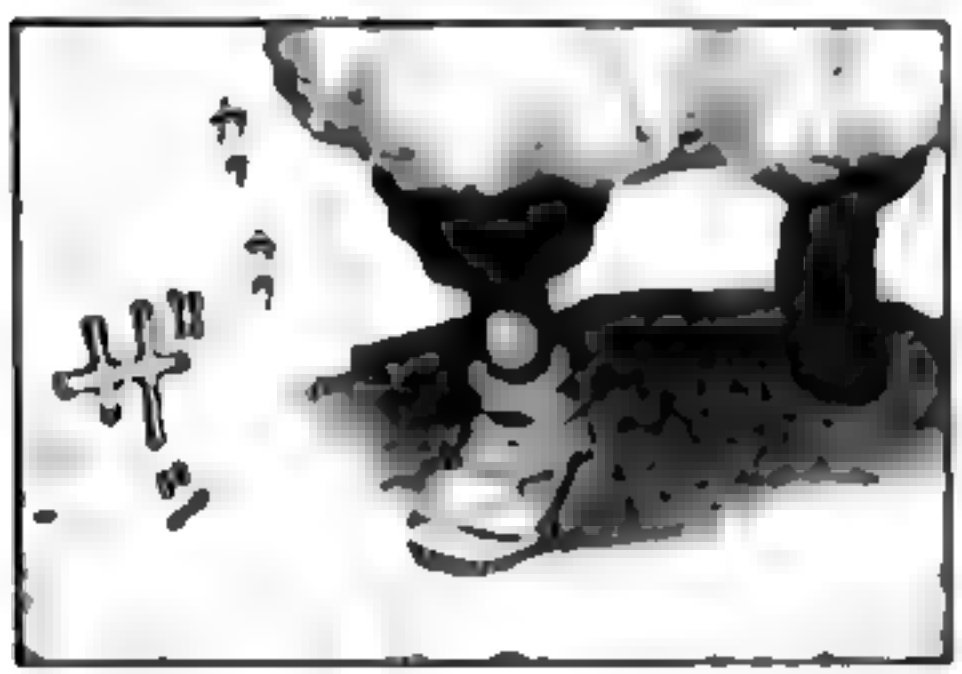
WE CON-TACTED THE OTHERS. THEY AGREE WITH THE PLAN.
SORRY WE KEPT YOU WAITING.

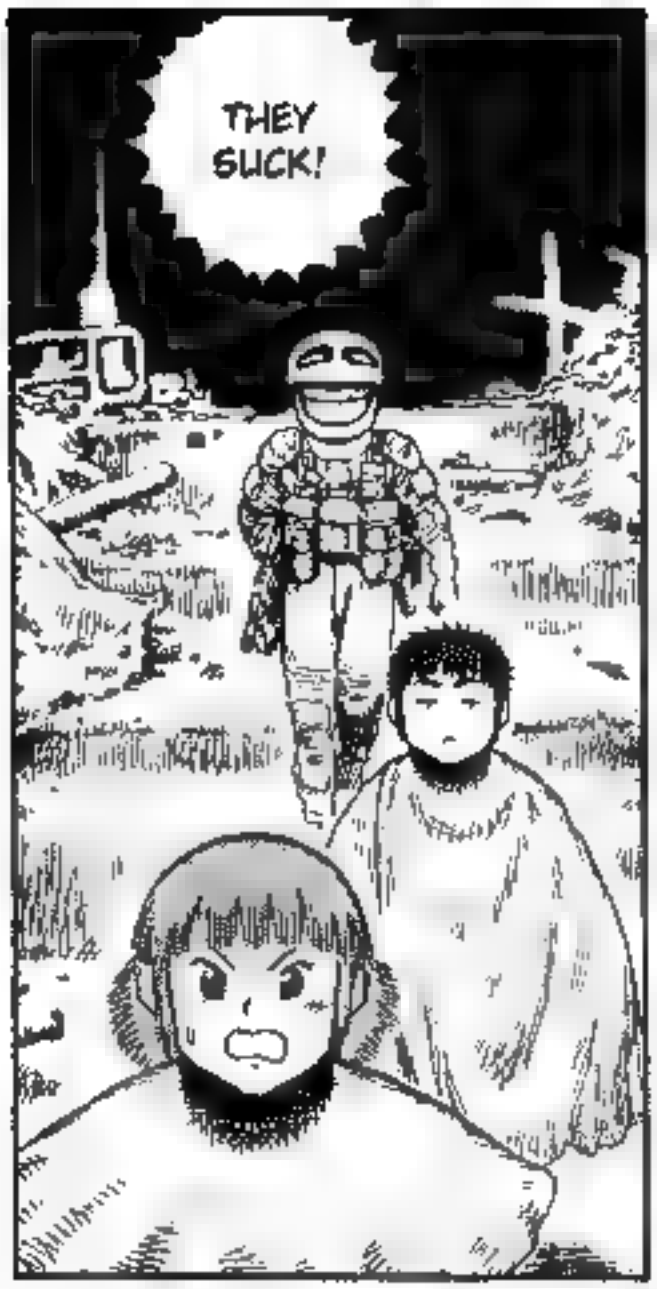
I'M WILLING TO LISTEN TO YOU.
SINCE YOU PROMISED ME THAT YOU'D GET JUNKO OUT OF THERE...


OH?!
WE HAD TO WALK 50KM TO REACH OUR GOAL...
TO THE OASIS.
THAT'S HOW WE UNDERTOOK THE SAME JOU-RNEY AS THE SURVEYOR DID TEN YEARS BEFORE...


TO THIS DARK PART OF THE HUMAN HISTORY
THIS JOURNEY TOOK US BACK TO THE ANCIENT ERA...






THEY SUCK!

DON'T BLAME ME...
PHEW... I CAN'T TAKE MORE. I'M SO TIRED.

AT THIS PACE, WE'LL MAKE IT IN TWO DAYS.
AAAH...
SO BE IT. LET'S CAMP HERE TODAY.

YOU'RE NOT ONE OF US YET.
YOU MIGHT HAVE STOLEN SOMETHING ALONG THE WAY.
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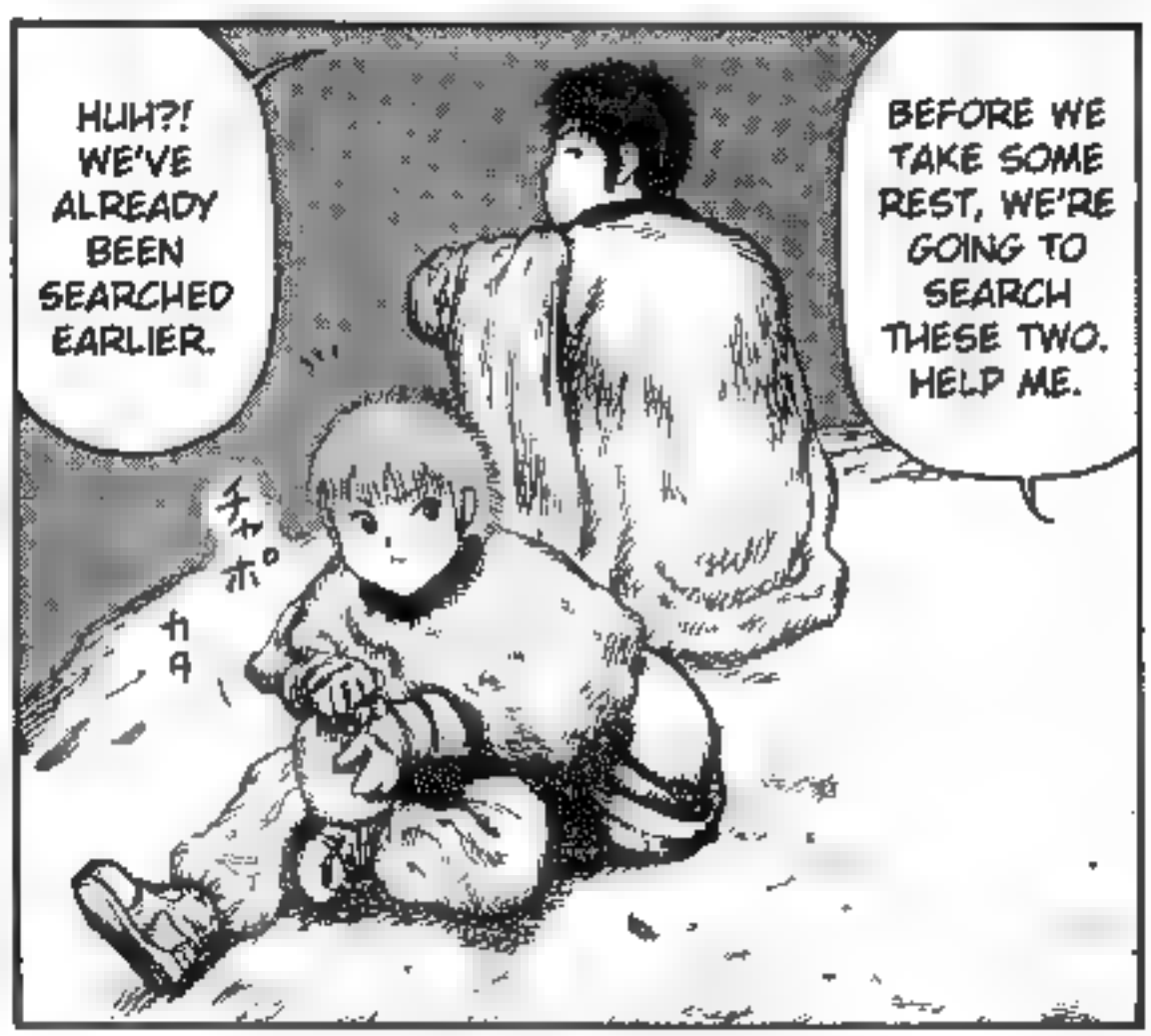
HUH?! WE'VE ALREADY BEEN SEARCHED EARLIER.
BEFORE WE TAKE SOME REST, WE'RE GOING TO SEARCH THESE TWO. HELP ME.
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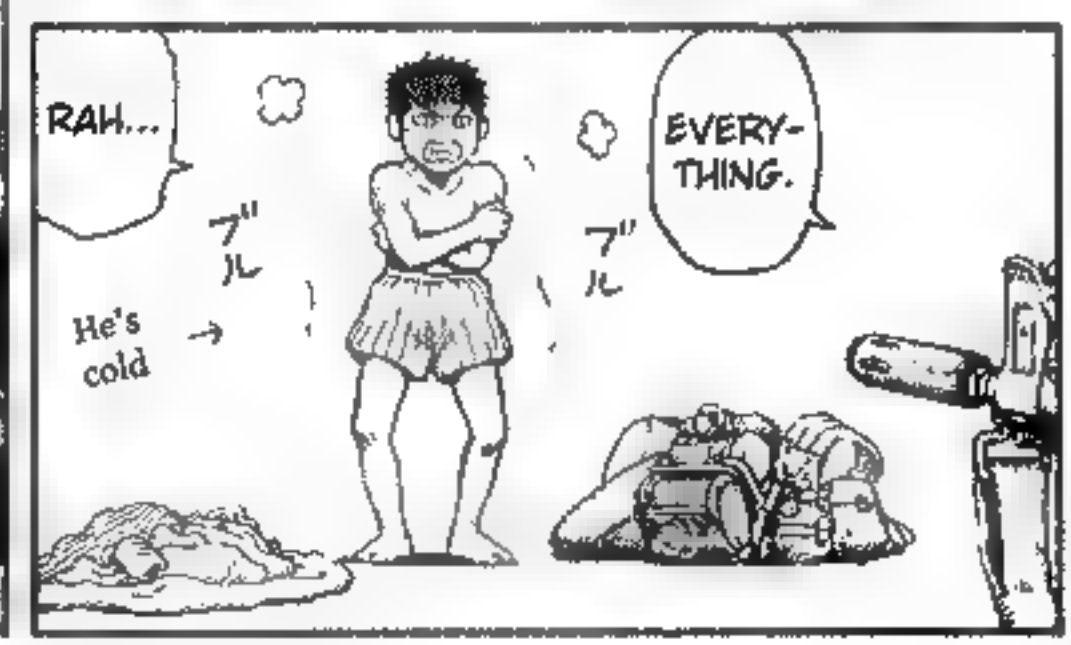
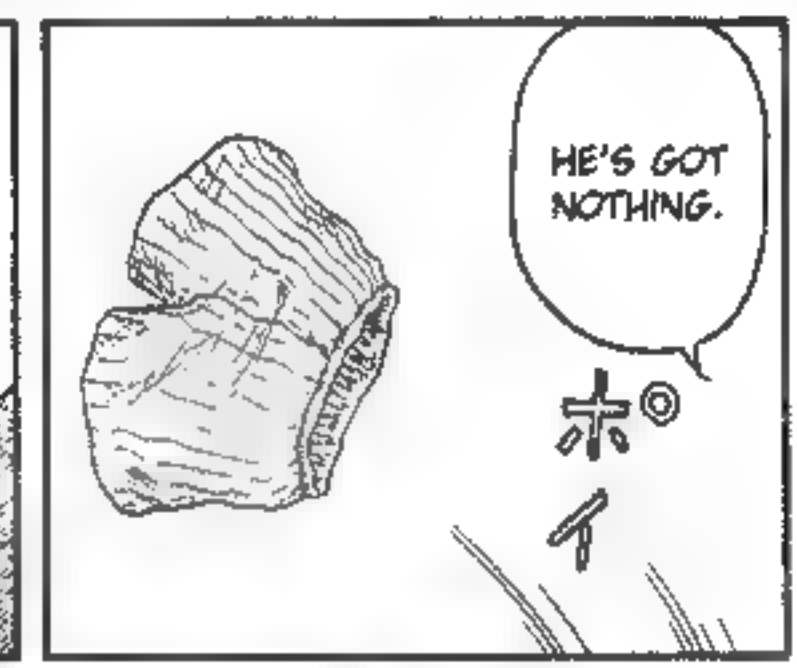
HURRY UP, I'M FREEZING HERE!

No. It's just that er-
YOU THINK WE'RE GONNA BE BUDDIES THIS WAY?
GET YOUR CLOTHES OFF.


RAH...
He's cold
EVERY-THING.

WHAT?!
NOW, PUT YOUR HANDS ON THE FLOOR.


HE'S GOT NOTHING.

GRAB HIM.
Oh God.
NO, DON'T DO THAT!

NO!

That's terrible

UUUGH .. IS THAT HOW YOU TREAT YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIENDS?

He's resisting

N... NATSUKO...

YOU'RE QUITE RELUCTANT.

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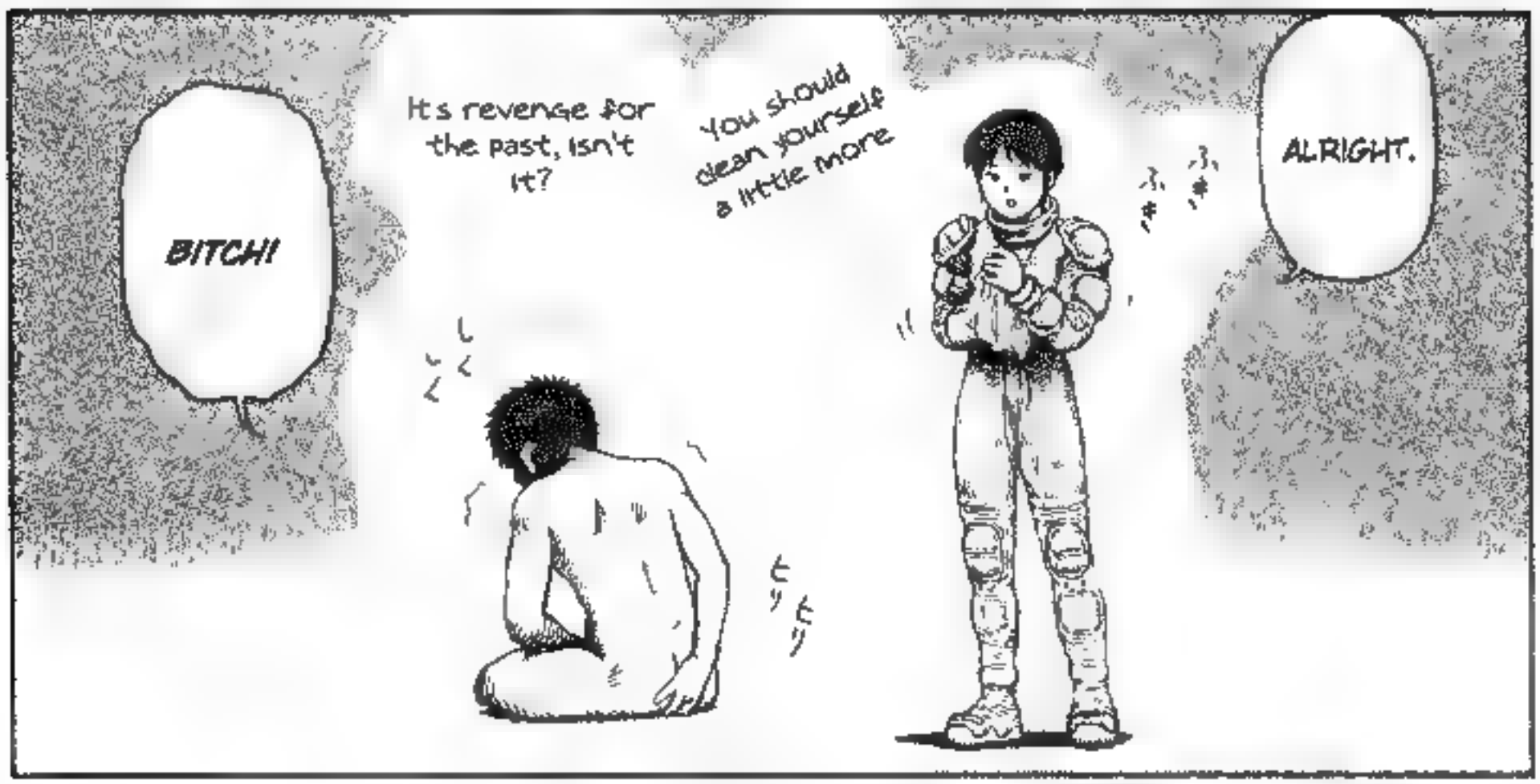
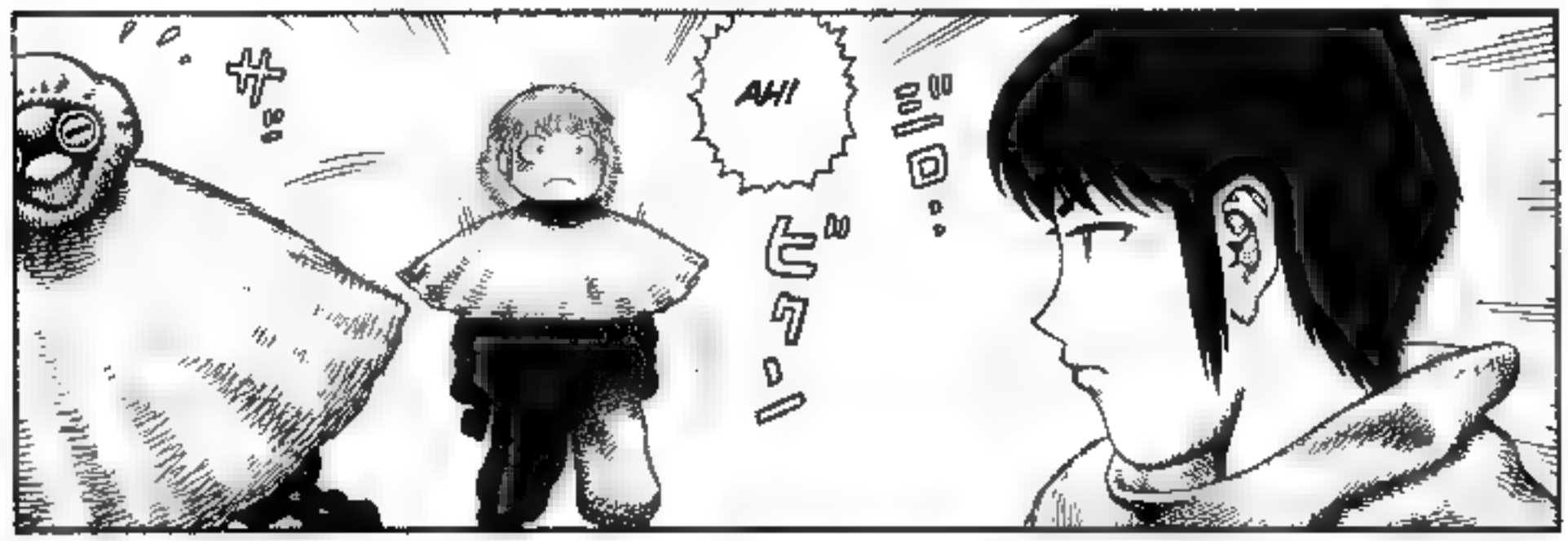
HERE I GO.

I'LL BE QUICK ABOUT IT. JUST RELAX.

HAAAA...

HAA...


BITCH!
It's revenge for the past, isn't it?
You should clean yourself a little more
ALRIGHT.


AH!

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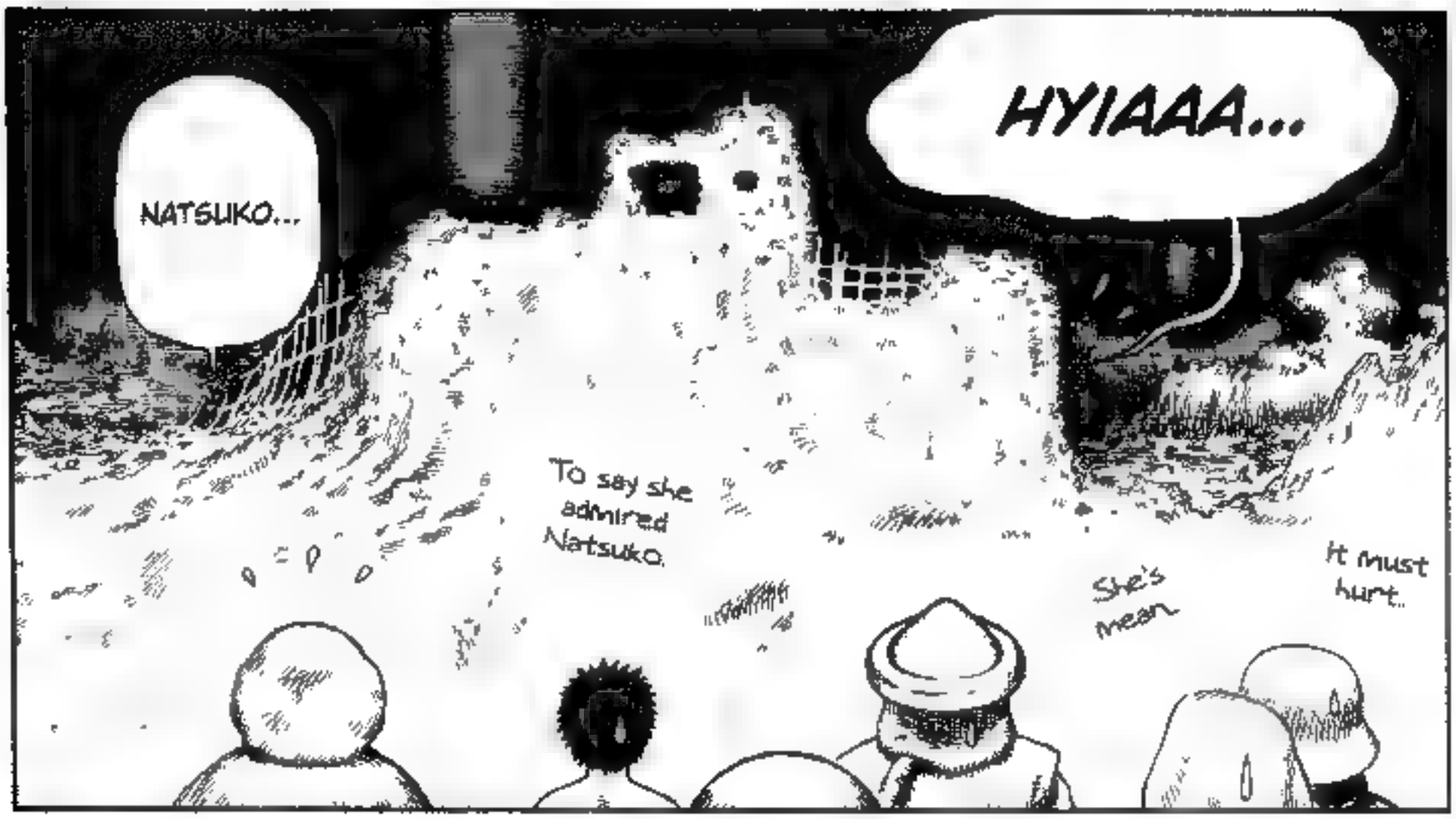
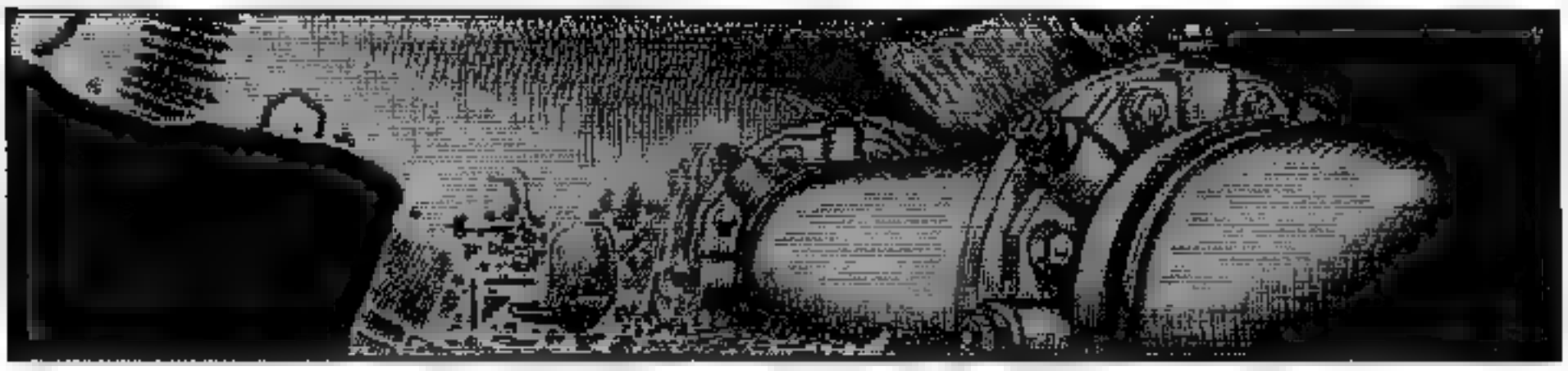
DO YOU THINK A WOMAN CAN SURVIVE IN THE DESERT IF SHE ISN'T READY TO DO ANYTHING?

PLEASE, DON'T...
NA... NATSUKO...
I'VE GOT NOTHING, I SWEAR.


NATSUKO...
HYIAAA...
To say she admired Natsuko.
She's mean
It must hurt...



I HOPE YOU WON'T EITHER.
I HOPE YOU WON'T TAKE ON THE SAME HABIT.
Sleep-ing bag

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SECOND DAY OF OUR JOURNEY ACROSS THIS HUGE MAZE OF RUINS.

THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THIS PASSAGE THAT LEADS TO ITS OWN HEAD-QUARTERS.
THESE OLD MEN WHO PRETEND TO BE WITH THE PARTY OPPOSING THE GOVERNMENT KNOW VERY WELL THE RUINS OF THIS BIG UNDERGROUND CITY OF THE ANKOKU ERA.
AS WE'RE MUCH OBLIGED TO COOPERATE, WE SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPRAISE THE EXTENT OF THEIR POWER.

SHE HATES MY MASTER AND NOURRISHES DOUBTS ABOUT HIM JOINING THEIR GROUP.
CONSIDERING HER POSITION, I'M REALLY SURPRISED THAT NATSUKO HELPS THE GROUP OPPOSING THE GOVERNMENT.
THE JOURNEY IS BE-COMING MORE AND MORE TIRESOME

THEY ALSO TOOK THE BATTERY USED BY OUR WINCH, AIR CONDITIONER AND TRACKING SYSTEM.

We don't need to be armed

FOR STARTERS, OUR WEAPONS, AMMUNITIONS, SHARP TOOLS AND SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED.

PHEW... I'M BEATEN...

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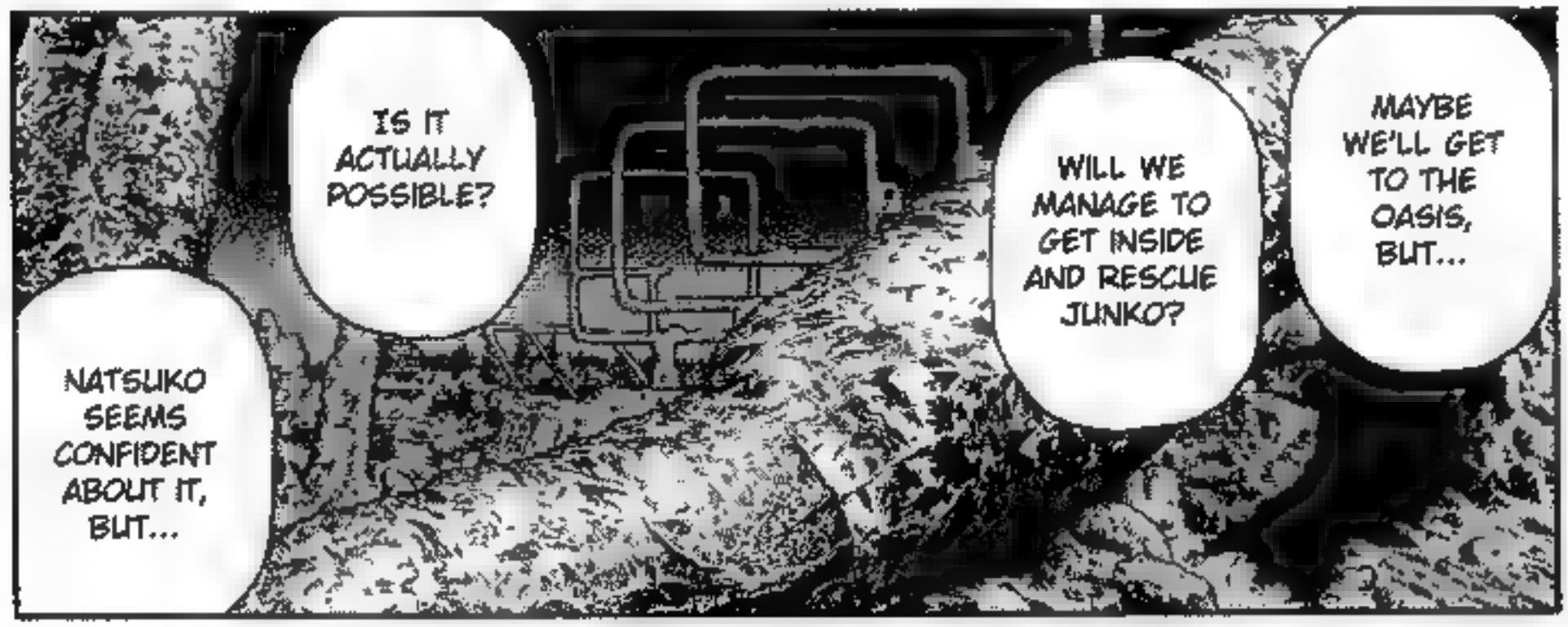
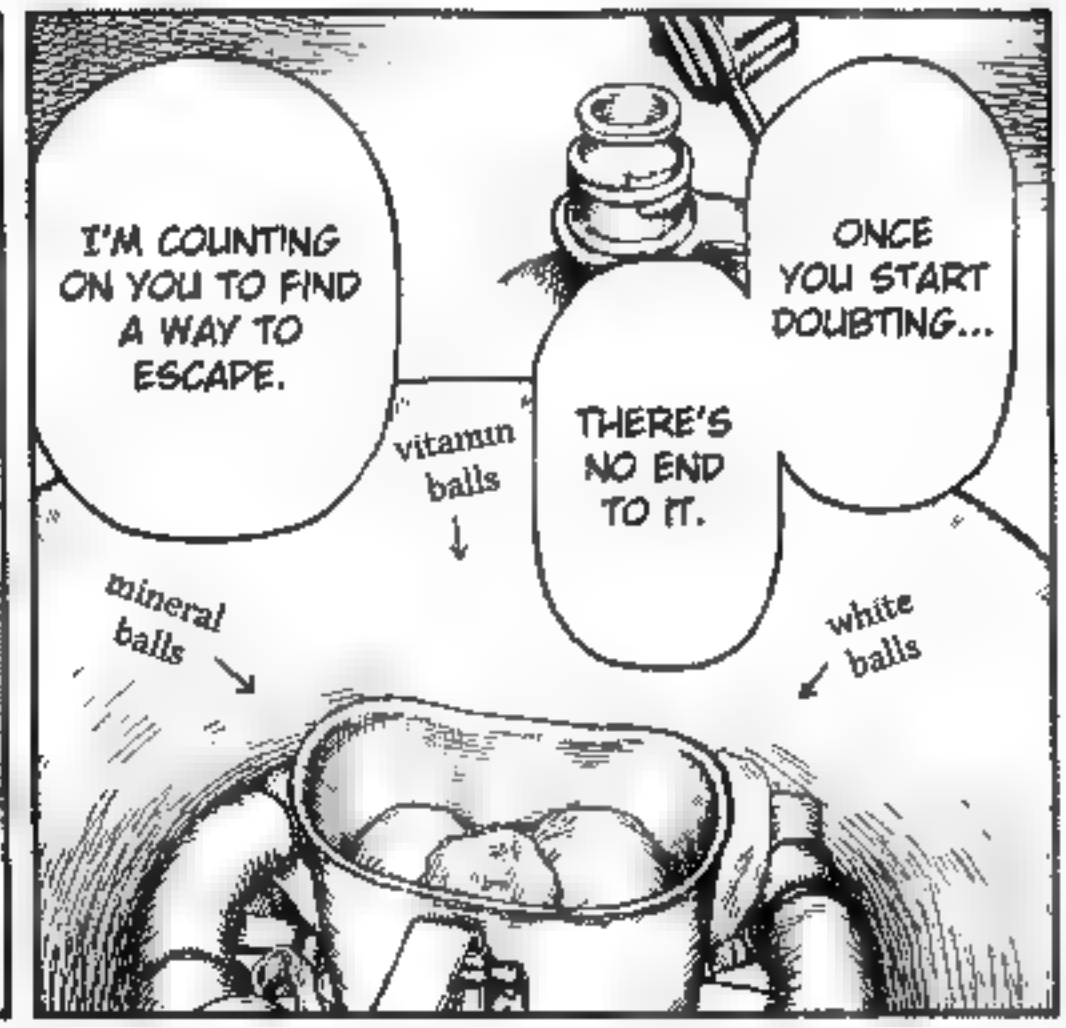
OUCH... MY BLISTER JUST BURST.



YES.
HIHI! COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE SCARED OF NATSUKO?


I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO FIND A WAY TO ESCAPE.
THERE'S NO END TO IT.
ONCE YOU START DOUBTING...
vitamin balls
mineral balls
white balls

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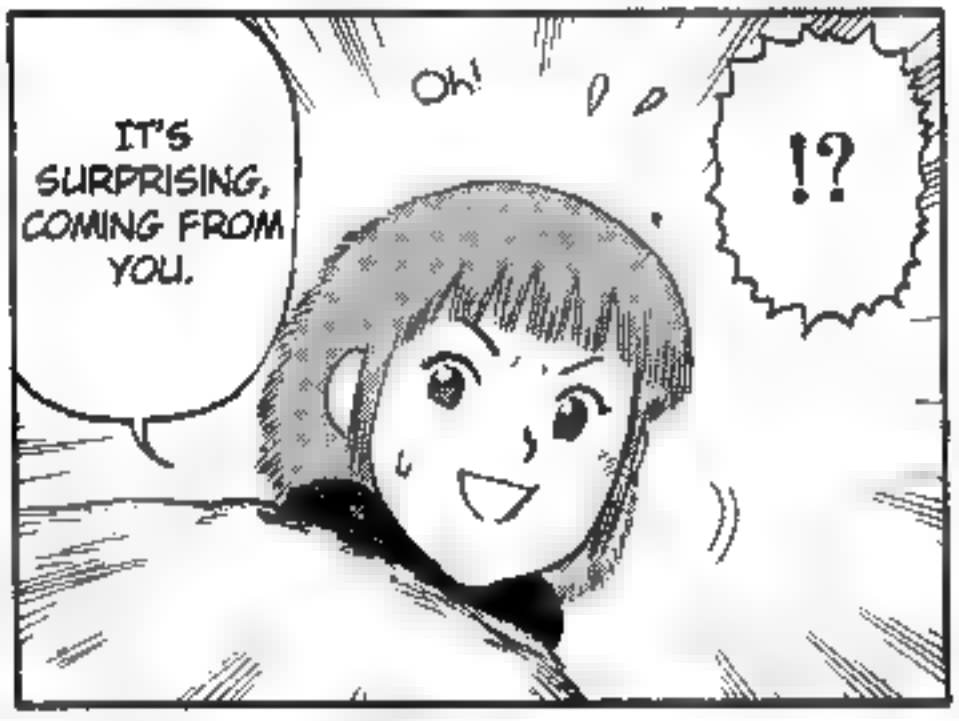
YOU DON'T KNOW HER REAL SELF.


IT'S SURPRISING, COMING FROM YOU.
Oh!
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THAT WONDERFUL WOMAN YOU ADMIRE SO MUCH.

FIGHT NATSUKO.

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO IT?
DO WHAT?

FIGHT...

NATSUKO?!

I DON'T WANT TO DIE.

AH, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

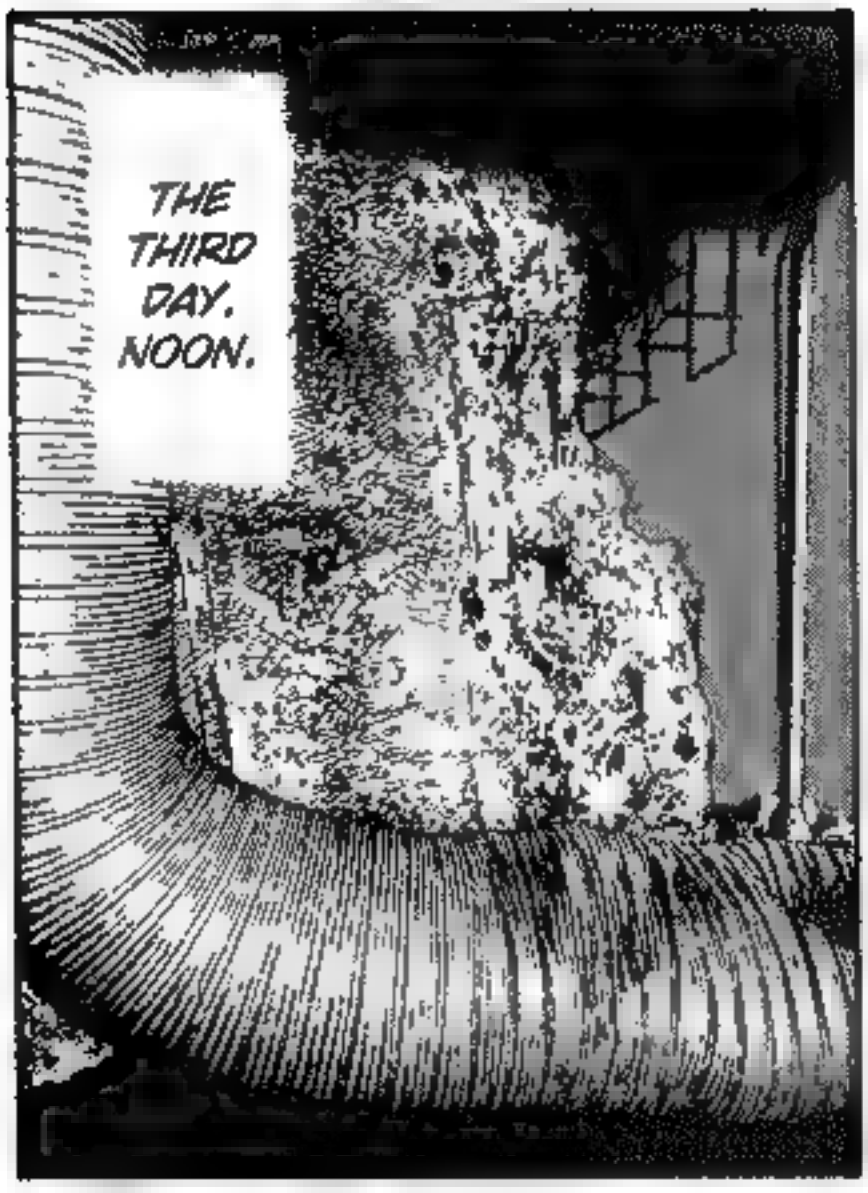
LIKE THIS...

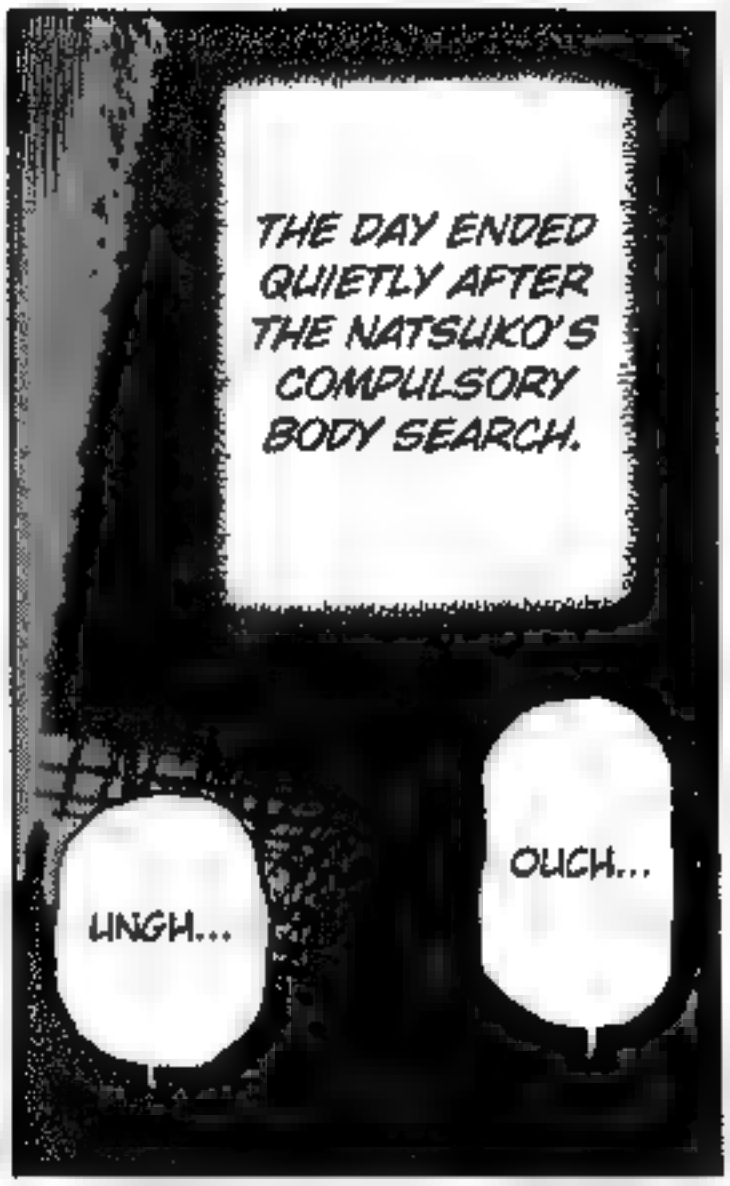
BUT IF WE KEEP ON...

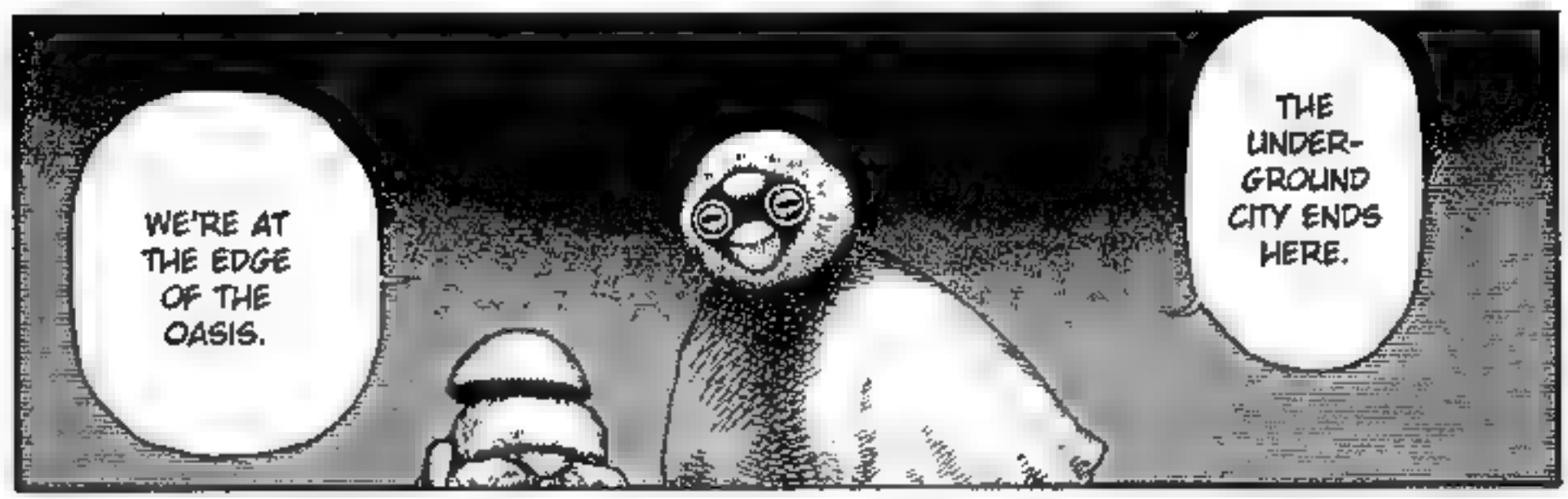
SHE WON'T HESITATE TO SHOOT US.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE ESCAPE...

IMPOS-SIBLE.


THE THIRD DAY. NOON.


THE DAY ENDED QUIETLY AFTER THE NATSUKO'S COMPULSORY BODY SEARCH.
UNGH...
OUCH...


WE'RE AT THE EDGE OF THE OASIS.
THE UNDER-GROUND CITY ENDS HERE.

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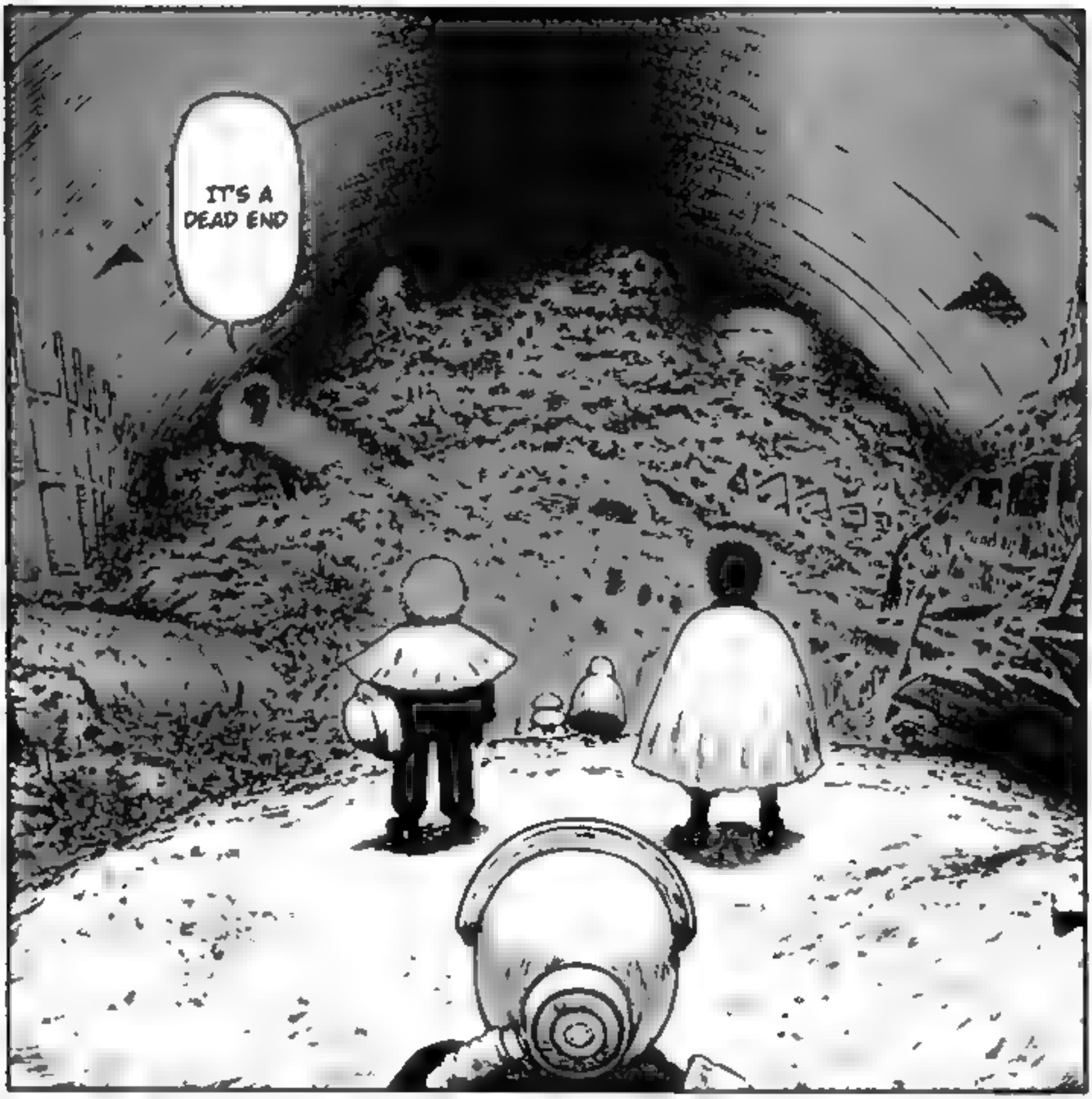
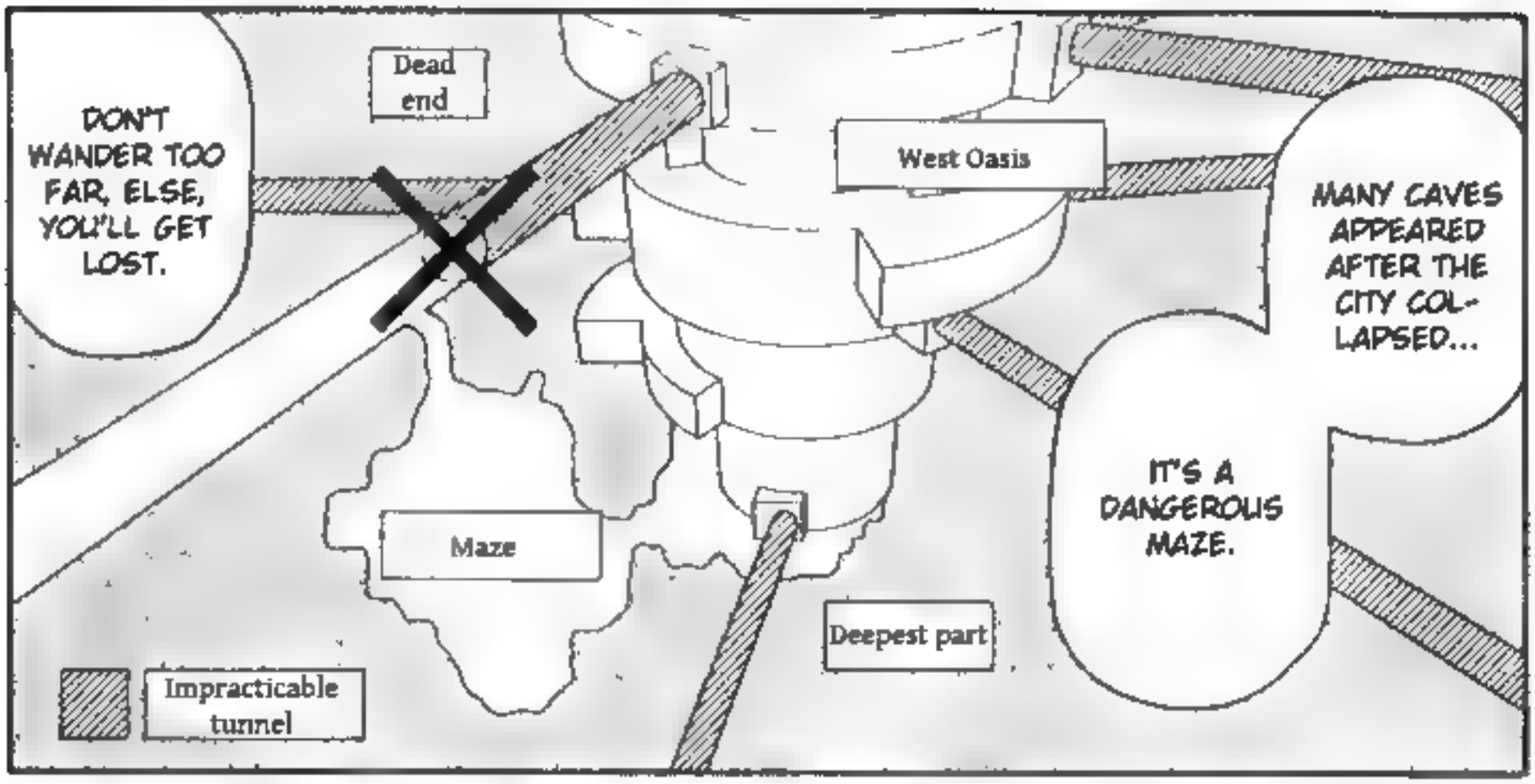
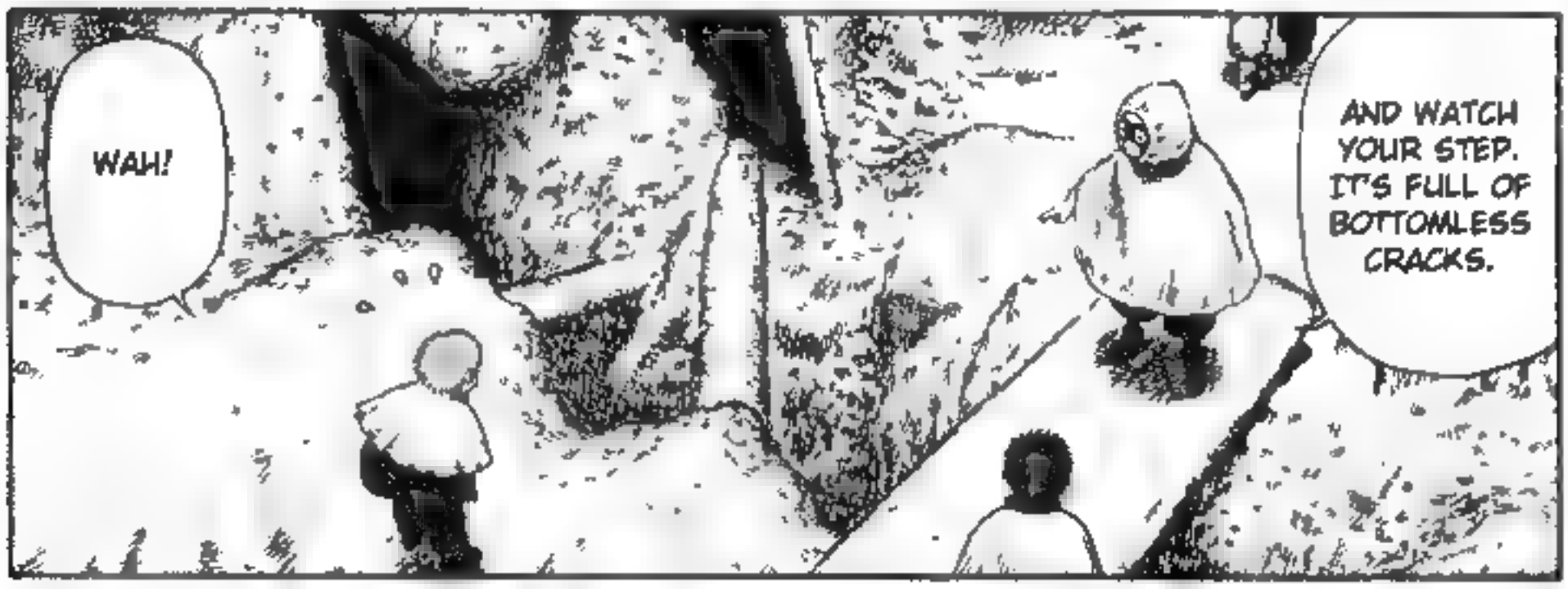
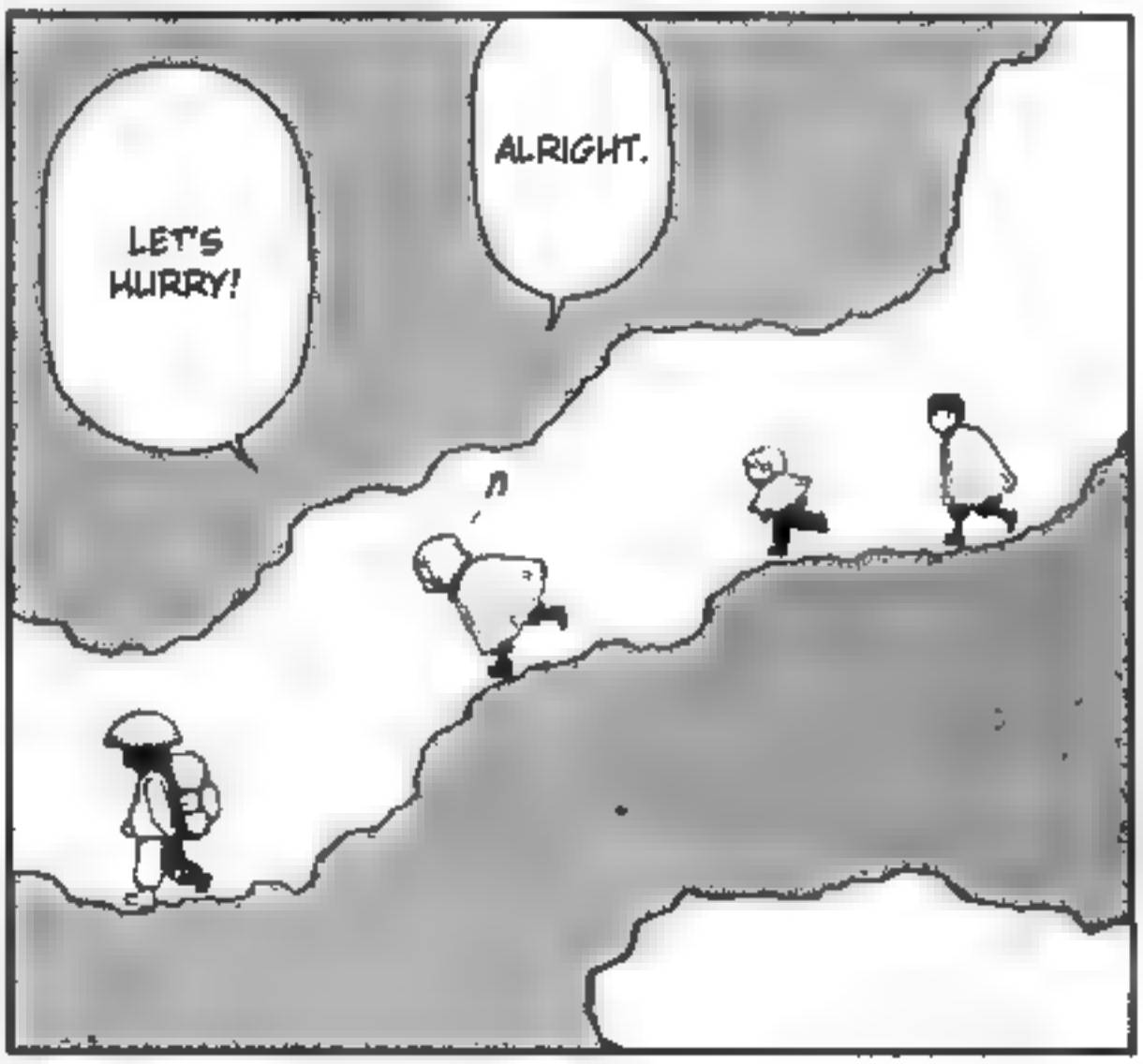

IT'S A DEAD END

THAT'S JUST RUBBLE.
BUT STAY SHARP.
WE'LL GO AROUND THROUGH HERE.


DON'T WANDER TOO FAR, ELSE, YOU'LL GET LOST.
Dead end
West Oasis
MANY CAVES APPEARED AFTER THE CITY COL-LAPSED...
IT'S A DANGEROUS MAZE.
Maze
Deepest part
Impracticable tunnel

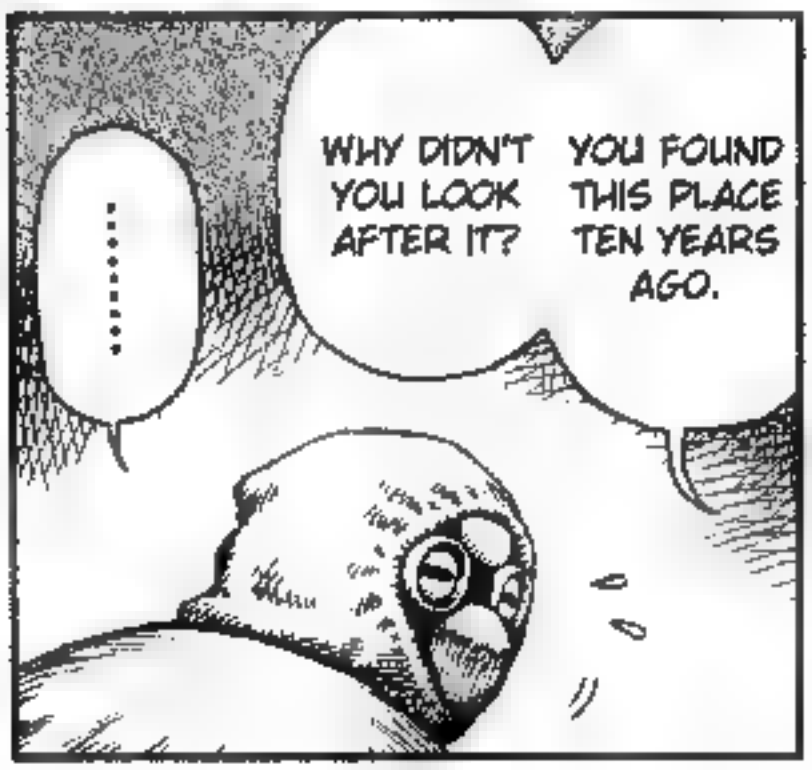

WAH!
AND WATCH YOUR STEP. IT'S FULL OF BOTTOMLESS CRACKS.

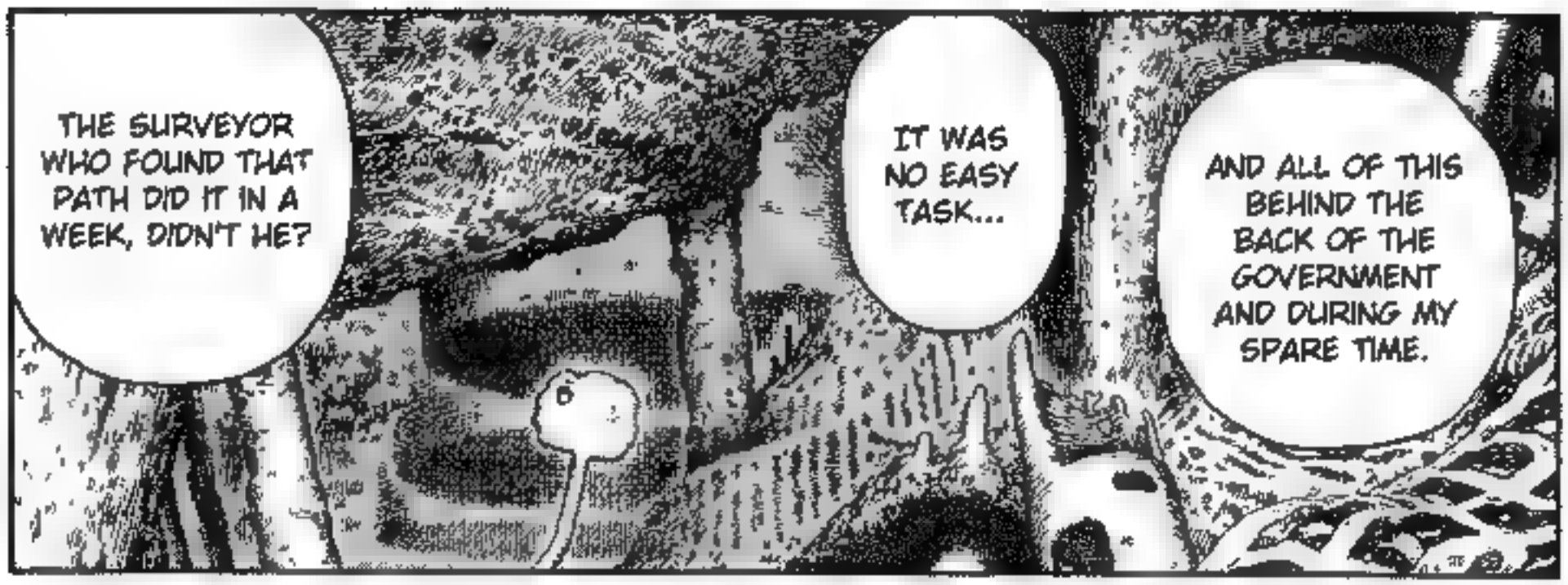
HOOO...


LET'S HURRY!
ALRIGHT.

HUH?

A NEW COLLAPS-ING.




THE SURVEYOR WHO FOUND THAT PATH DID IT IN A WEEK, DIDN'T HE?
IT WAS NO EASY TASK...
AND ALL OF THIS BEHIND THE BACK OF THE GOVERNMENT AND DURING MY SPARE TIME.

NOT AT ALL!
DOES THE PARTY END HERE?
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?

I'M WONDERING WHAT I'M DOING WITH THESE AIRHEADS.
YES.

YOU'RE SAYING THAT WE'RE GONNA BE STUCK HERE FOR A WEEK?!
WHAT?!

TRY TO HANG IN THERE UNTIL THEN.
LESS THAN A WEEK, HOPEFULLY.
NO!

YOU THINK I'M GONNA ROT DOWN HERE?

YOU CAN'T TELL WHAT COULD HAPPEN.

IN THESE RUINS? IT'S TOO RISKY.

YOU'VE GOT MINE!

WHY NOT USE SOME EXPLOSIVES?

You're a maniac!

Bring me the C-4!

I'LL KEEP IT DOWN.

ALRIGHT, I UNDER-STAND.

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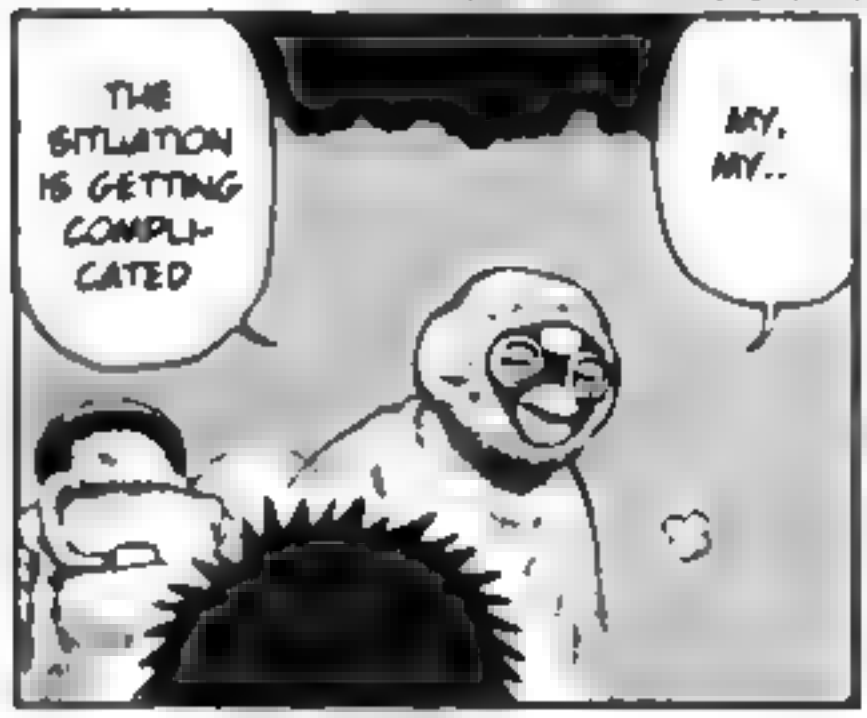
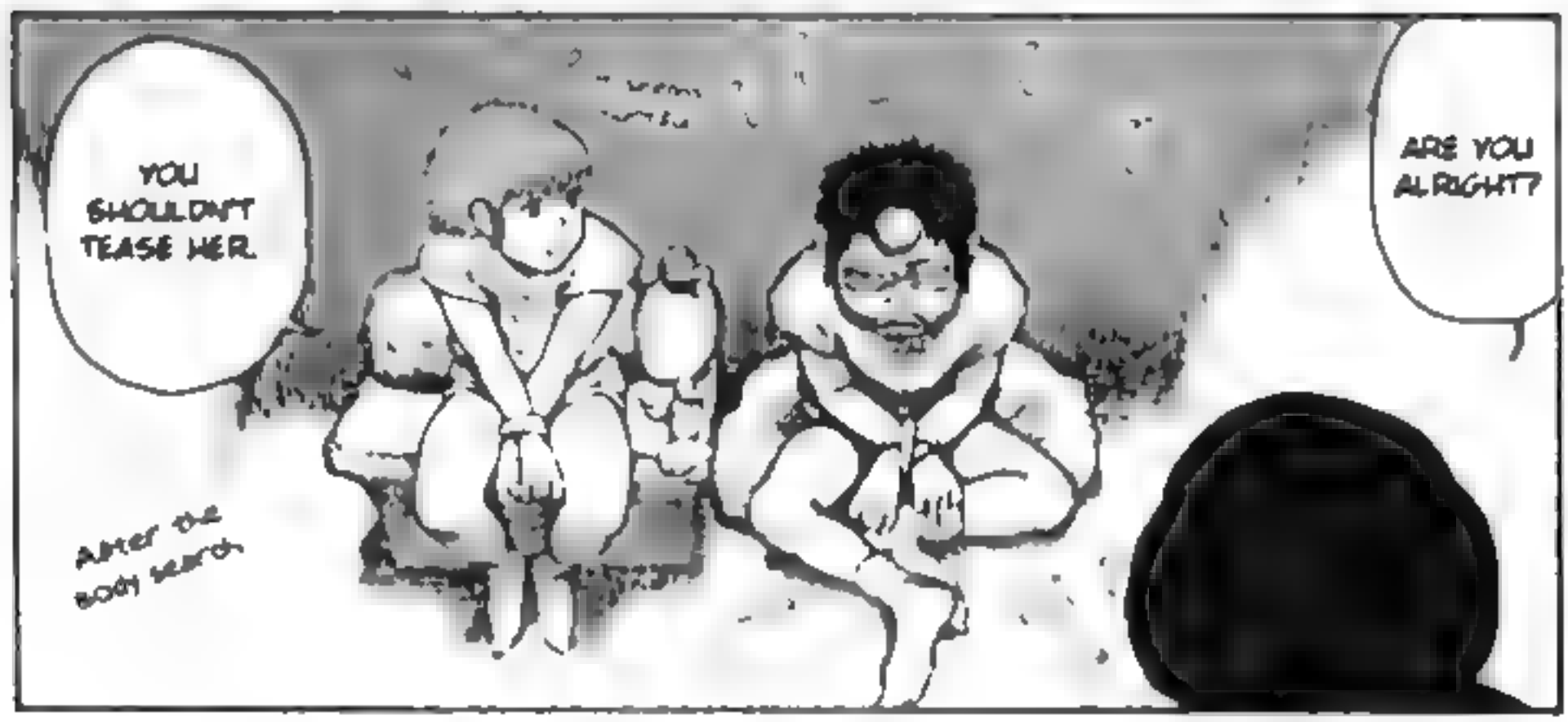
WE CAN'T TURN BACK.

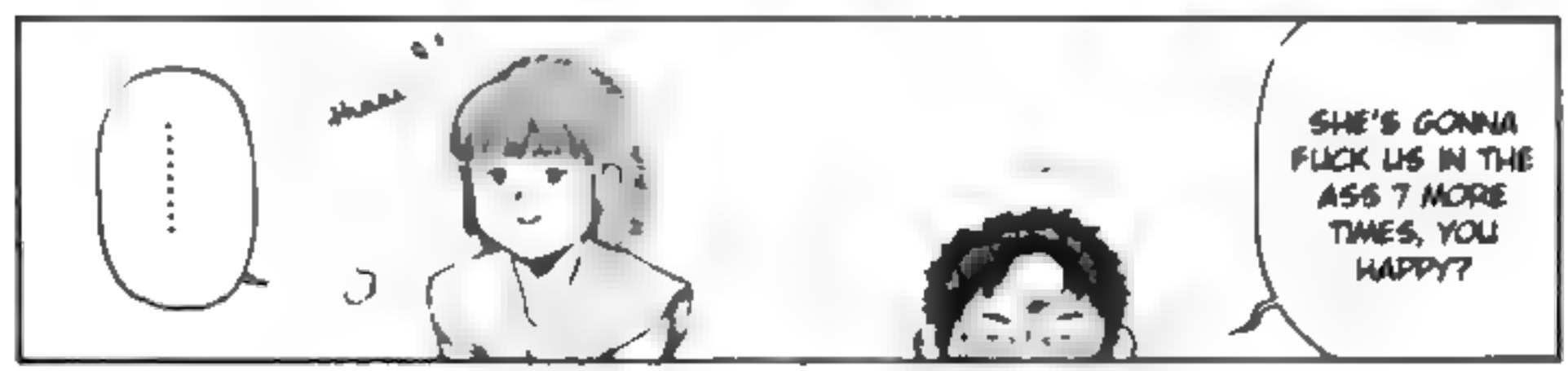
EH, NATSUKO?

SAY, WHY DON'T WE FIND A PLEASANT WAY TO SPEND TIME?

They returned to the labyrinth entrance







OF COURSE I'M STRONG AND FAMOUS ALL OVER THE KANTO.
WHY ME?
IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO CALL ME IN, BUT...

I'VE GOT A QUESTION FOR YOU.

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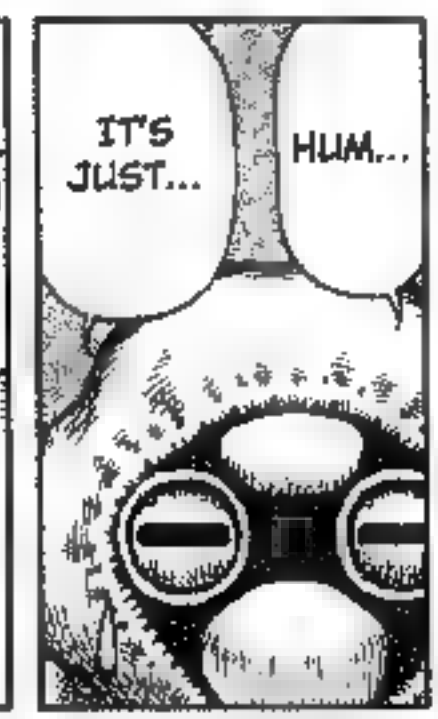
YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHEN WE GET TO THE OASIS.


IT'S JUST...
HUM...

YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR GROUP IN DANGER TOO.
DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO HIRE ME?

WE WANT TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE DESERT.

WE DON'T DO THIS FOR OUR OWN INTERESTS.
JUST SO YOU KNOW...
OH YEAH?

THE WEAK AND THE STRONG WOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE TOGETHER PEACEFULLY.

SHOULD THE INHABITANTS BE UNITED, THEY WOULD CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

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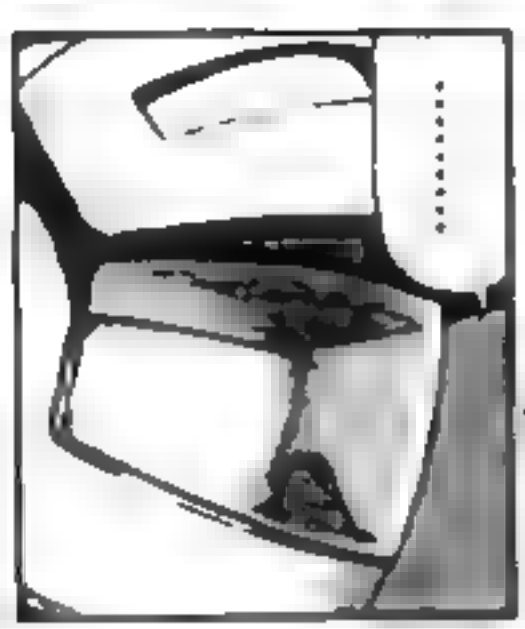
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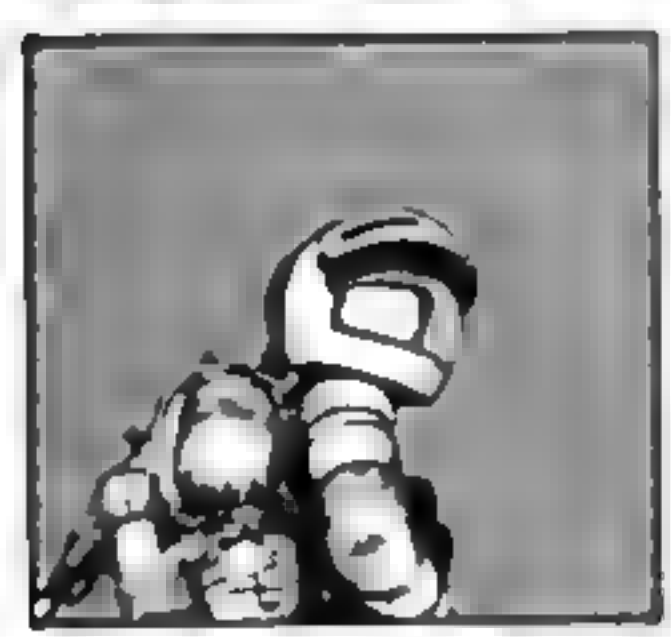

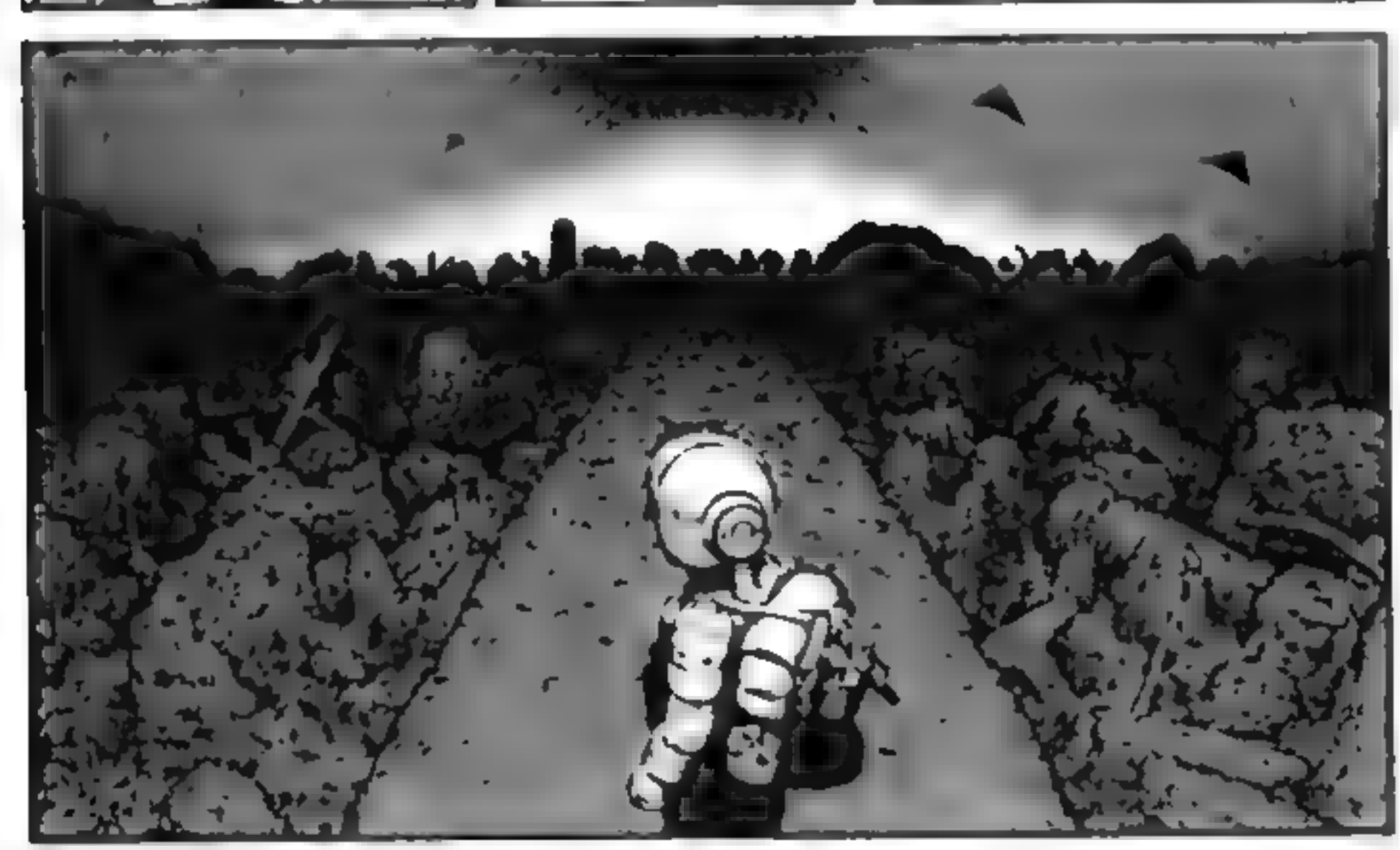

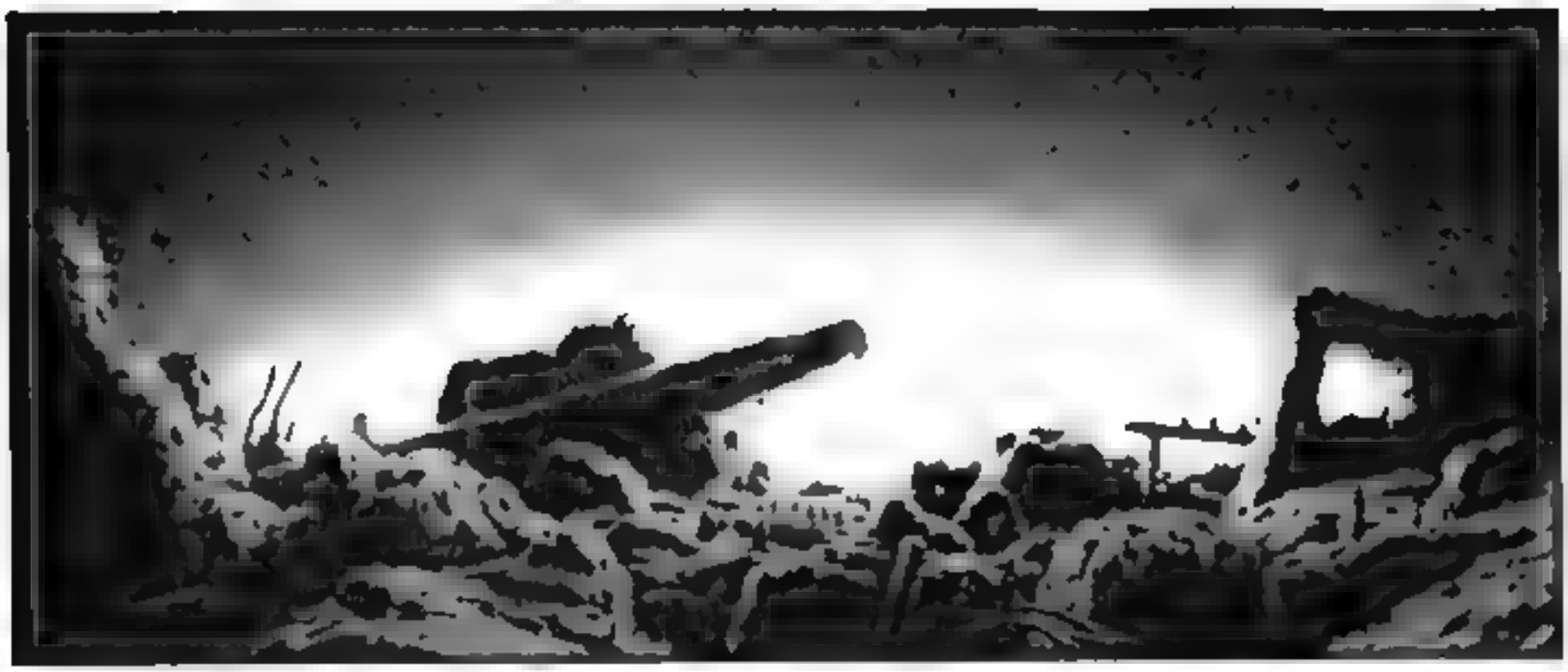

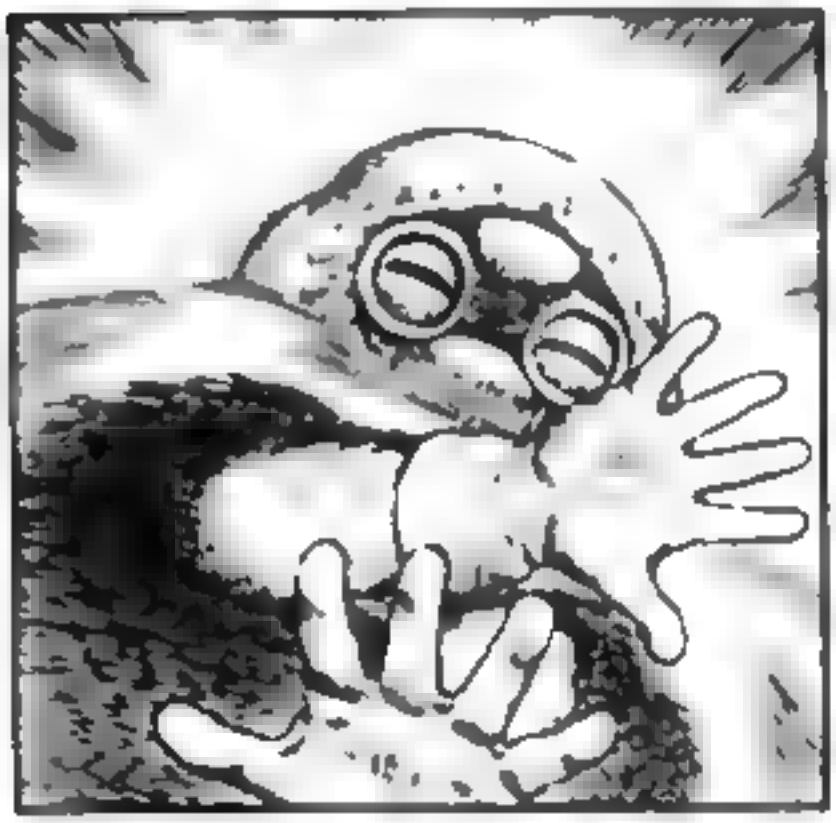

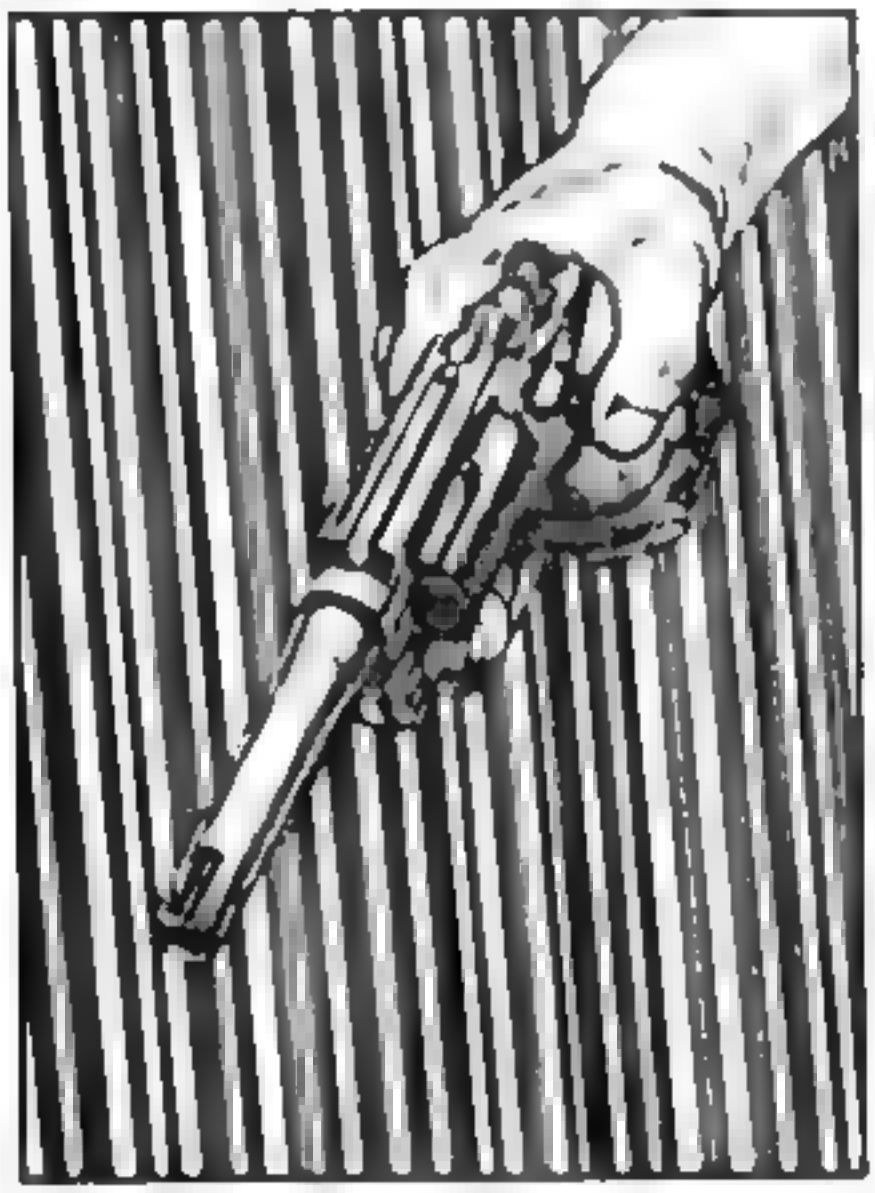

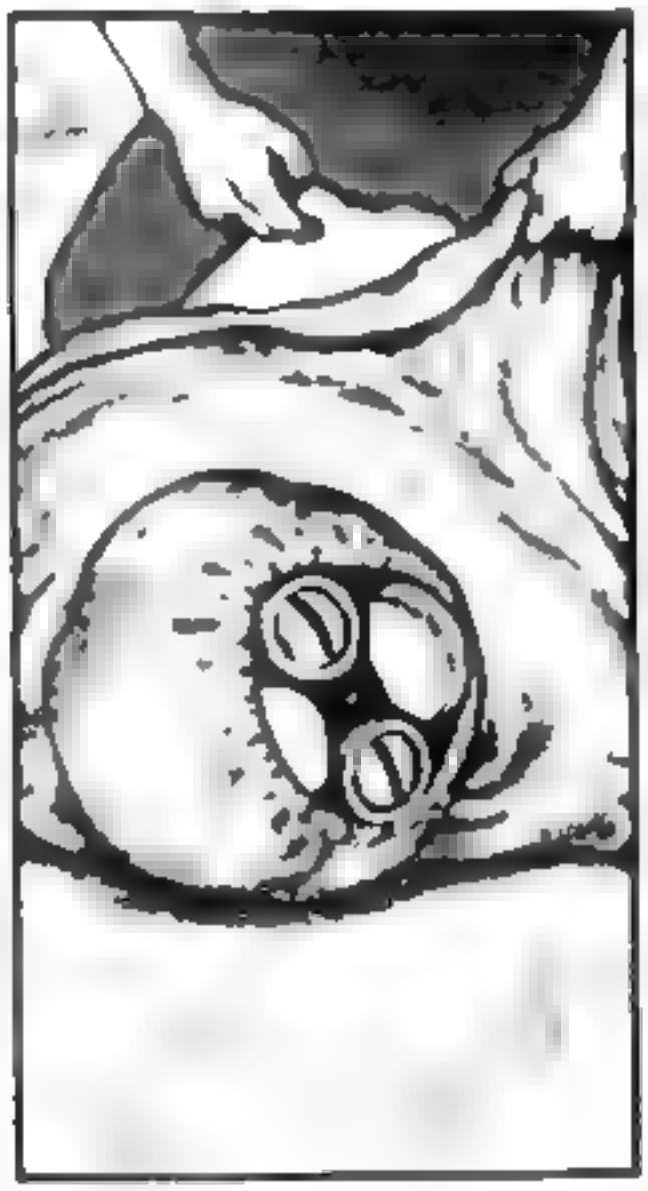

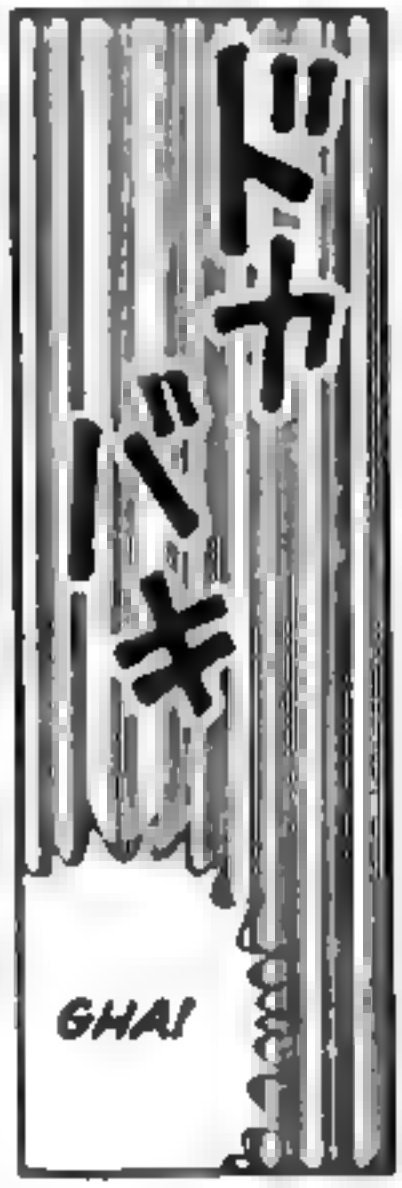
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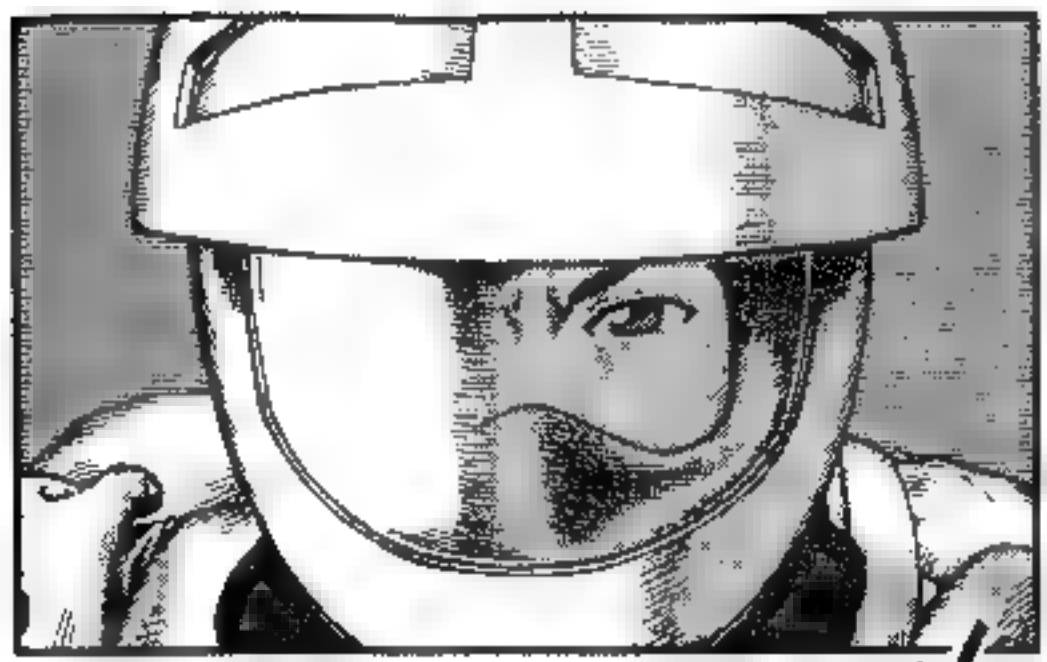

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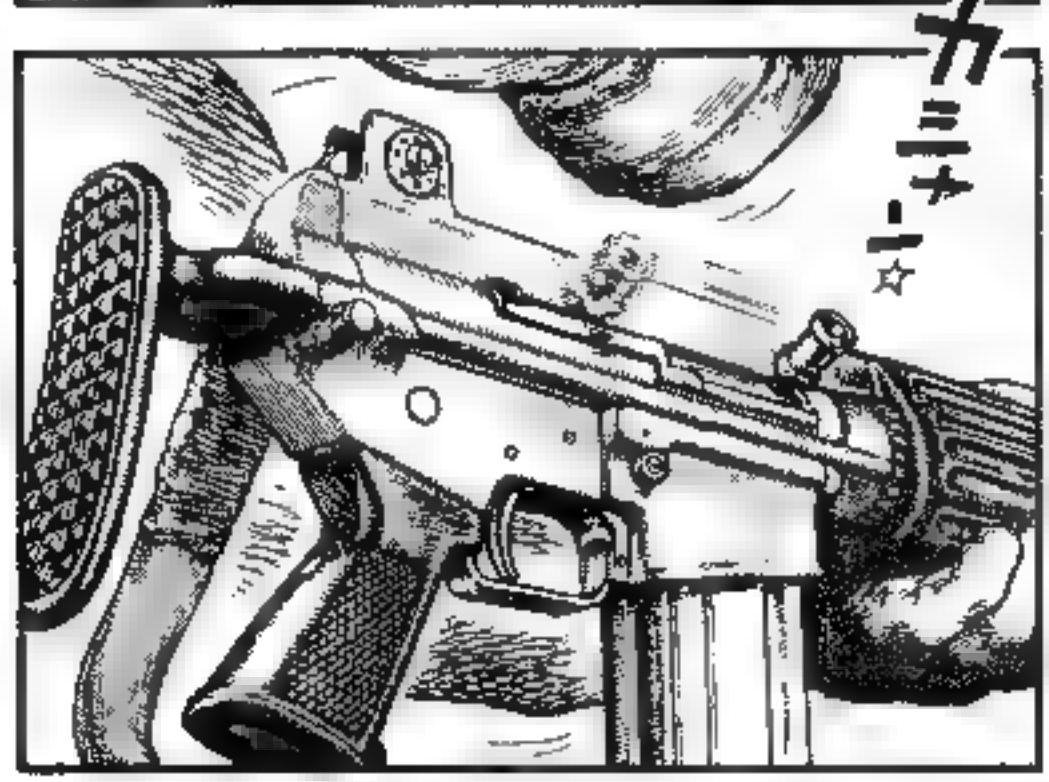
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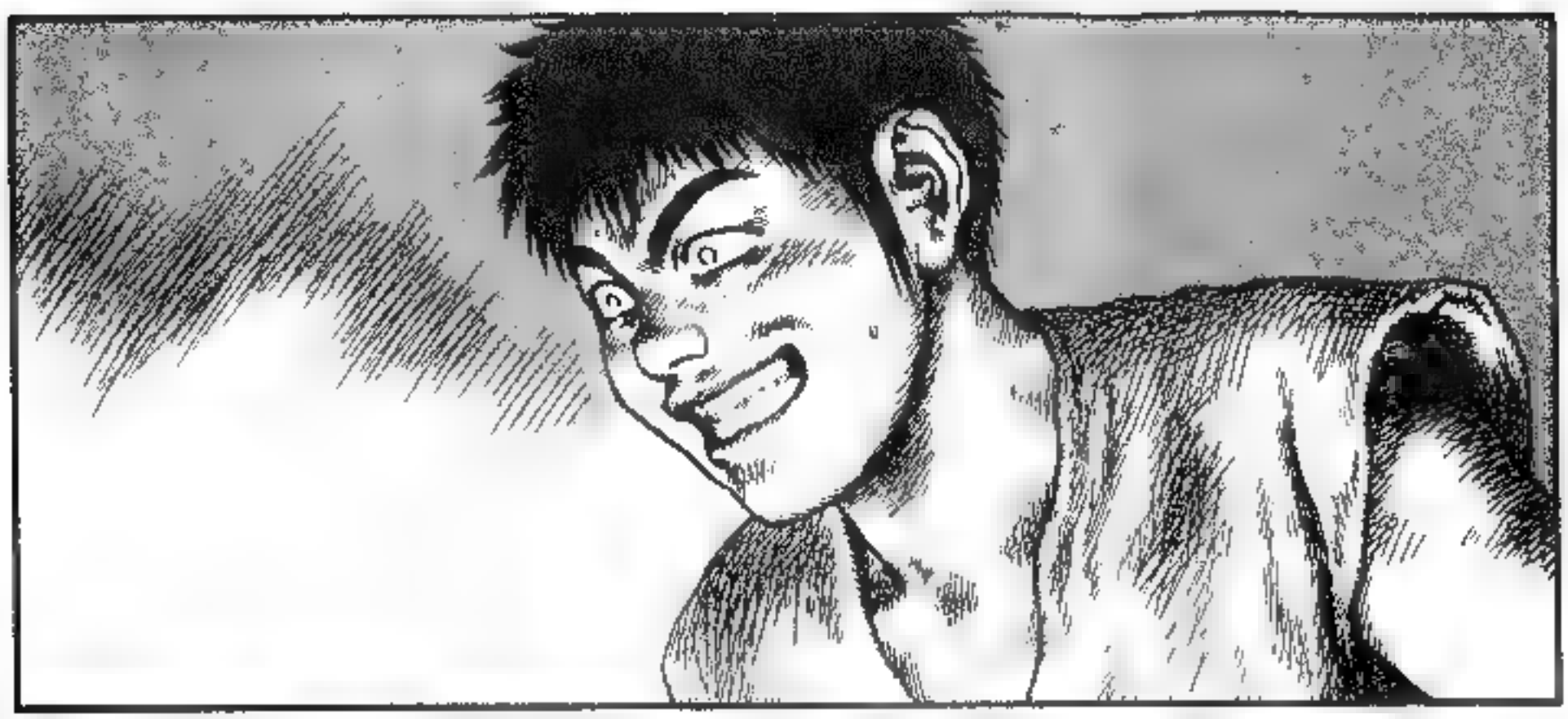

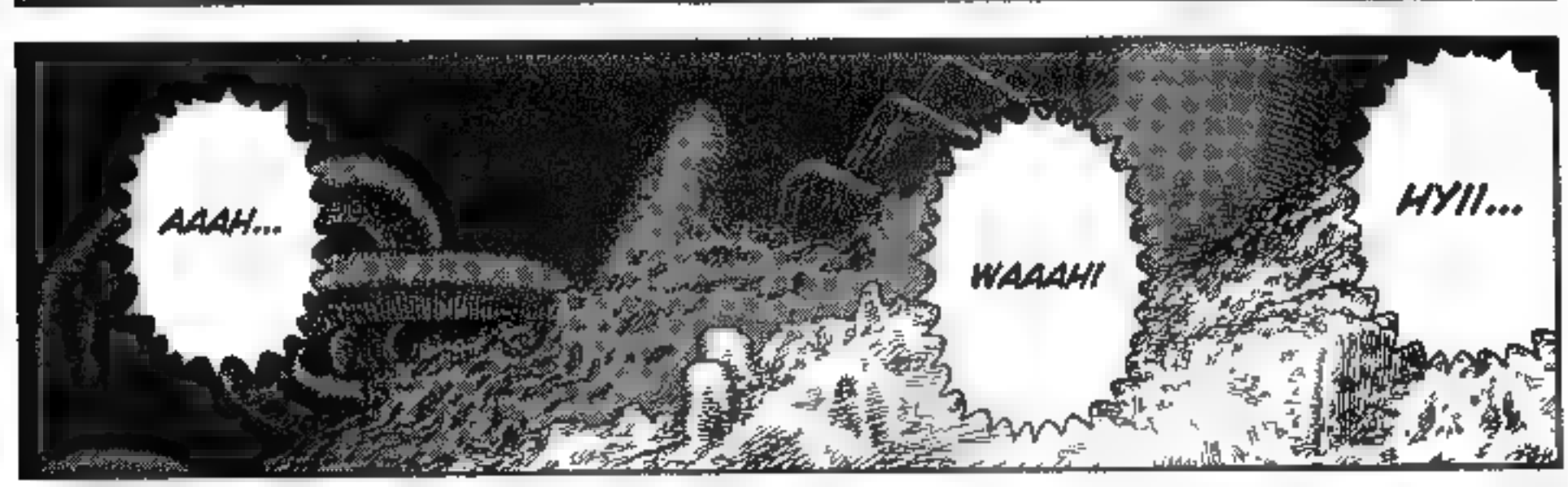
AAAH...
WAAAH!
HYII...

THE DEMONESS ISN'T HERE, IT'S NOW OR NEVER.
I CAN'T STAND THEM ANY LONGER.
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ARE WE ESCAPING?
MASTER!
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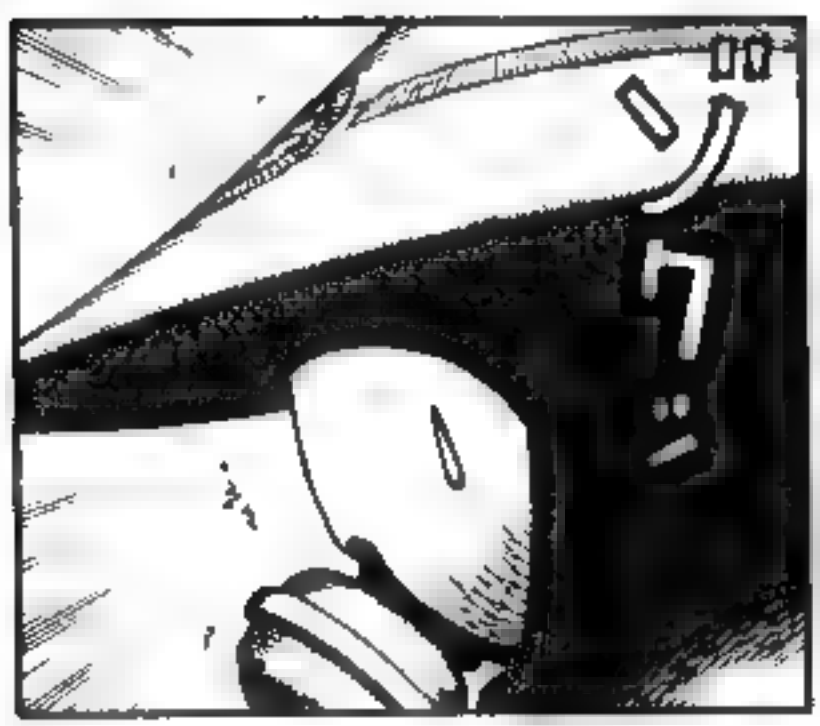
EH?!
WE'RE GONNA TURN THOSE GUYS IN.

WE'RE KINDA SCREWED, DON'T YOU THINK?
PERHAPS THE GOVERNMENT IS WATCHING US EVEN NOW...
WE'LL BE THEIR TARGET.

THEN THEY WILL PROBABLY MAKE A GESTURE FOR US IN RETURN.
AND BY ANIHILATING THE OPPOSING GROUP IT'S TWO DUCKS WITH ONE STONE.
Brilliant!
YEAH!
THUS WE'LL BE LOOKED UPON AS SAVIORS, LOYAL TO THE GOVERNMENT.

WHAT ABOUT...
AND...
NATSUKO...?

YOU'RE A GENIUS!
Hmph
Say!



WHAT ?!
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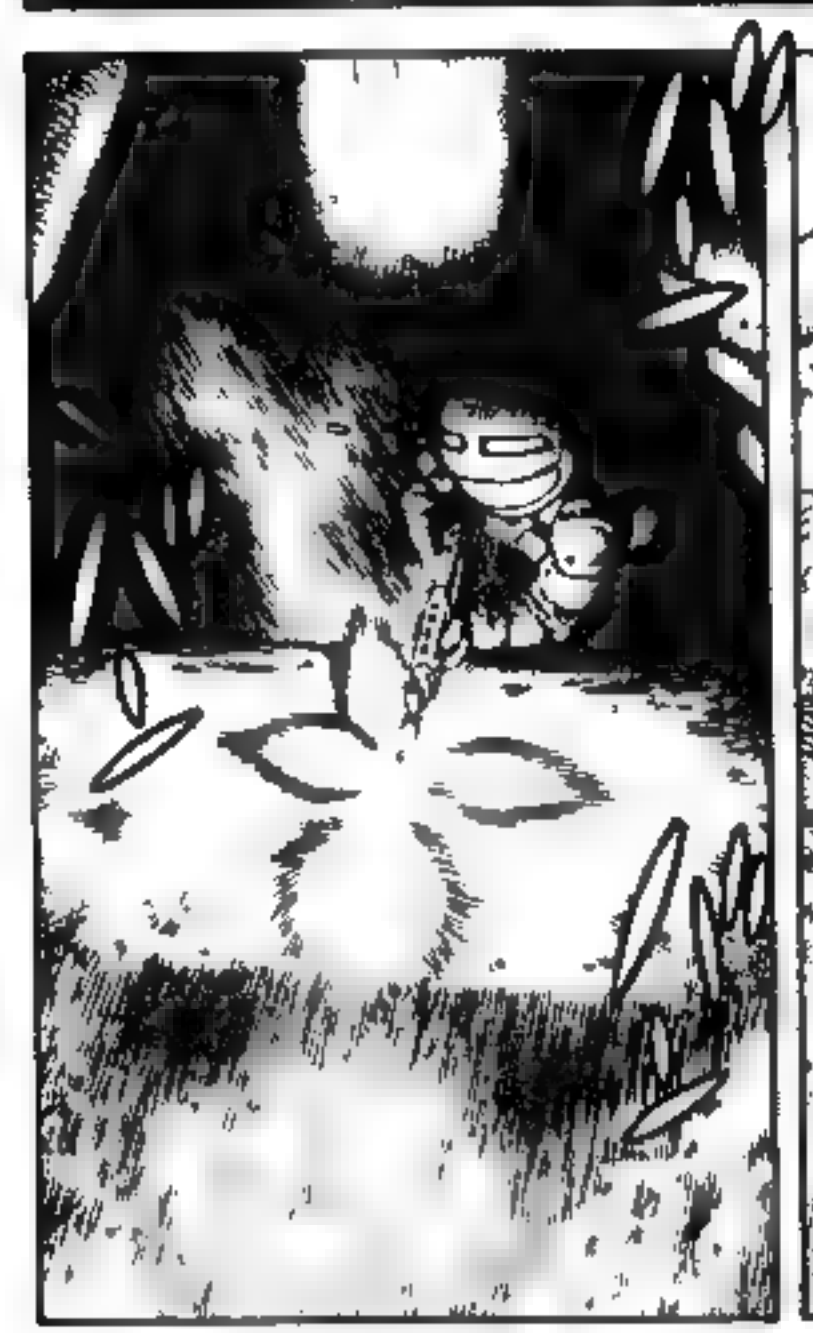

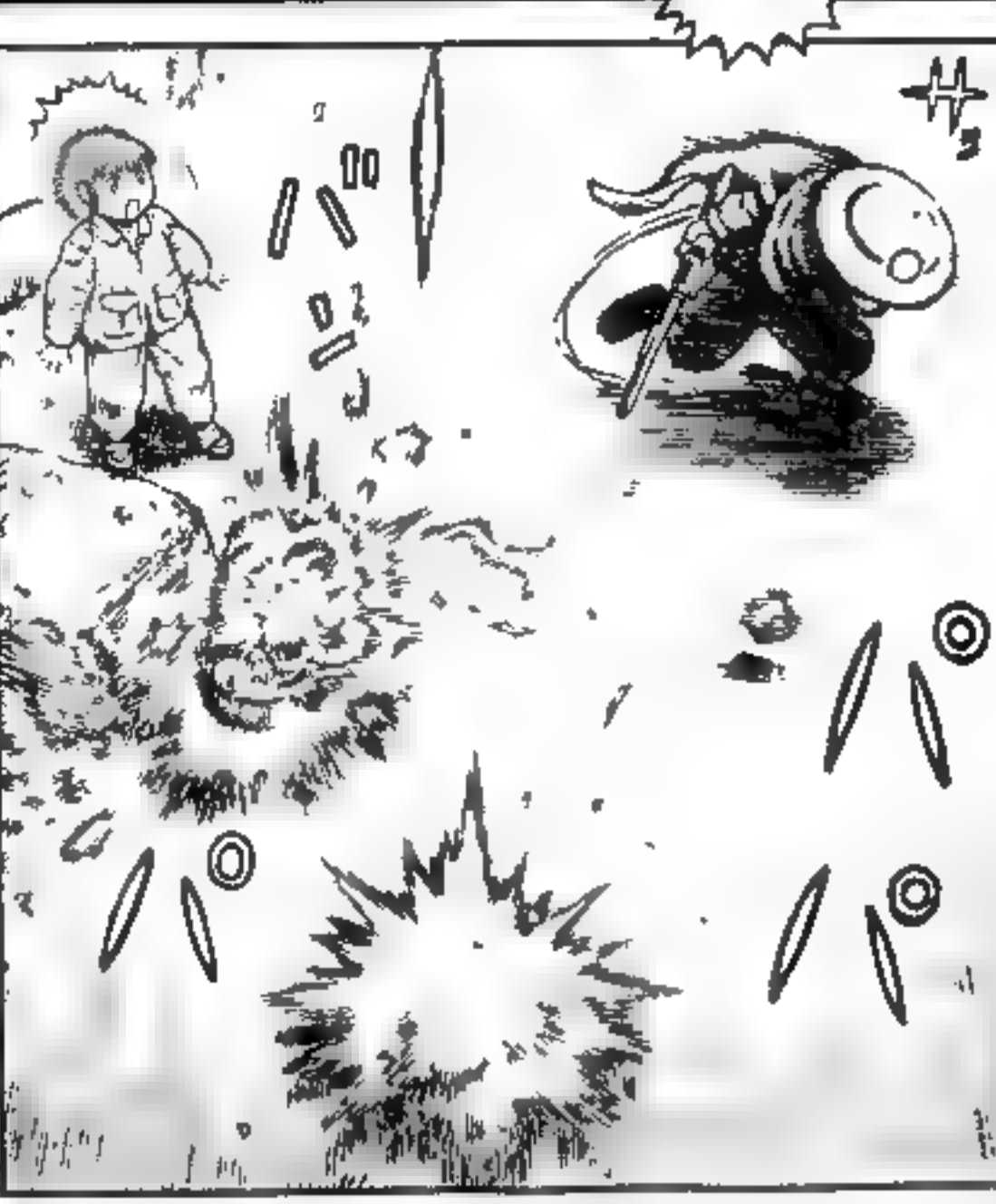

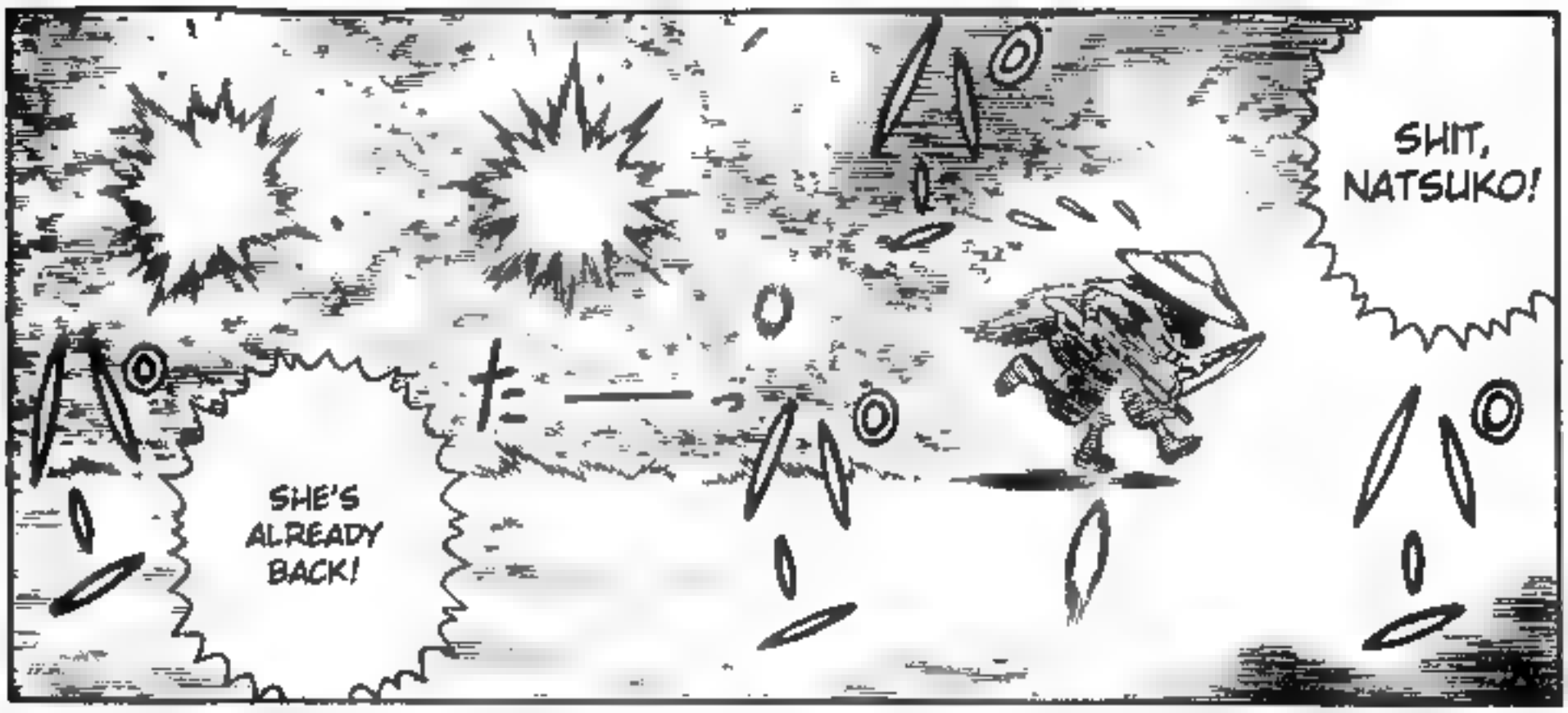
SHE'S ALREADY BACK!
SHIT, NATSUKO!

WE NEED TO DEAL WITH HER FIRST.
TO BE ABLE TO KILL TWO DUCKS WITH ONE STONE...
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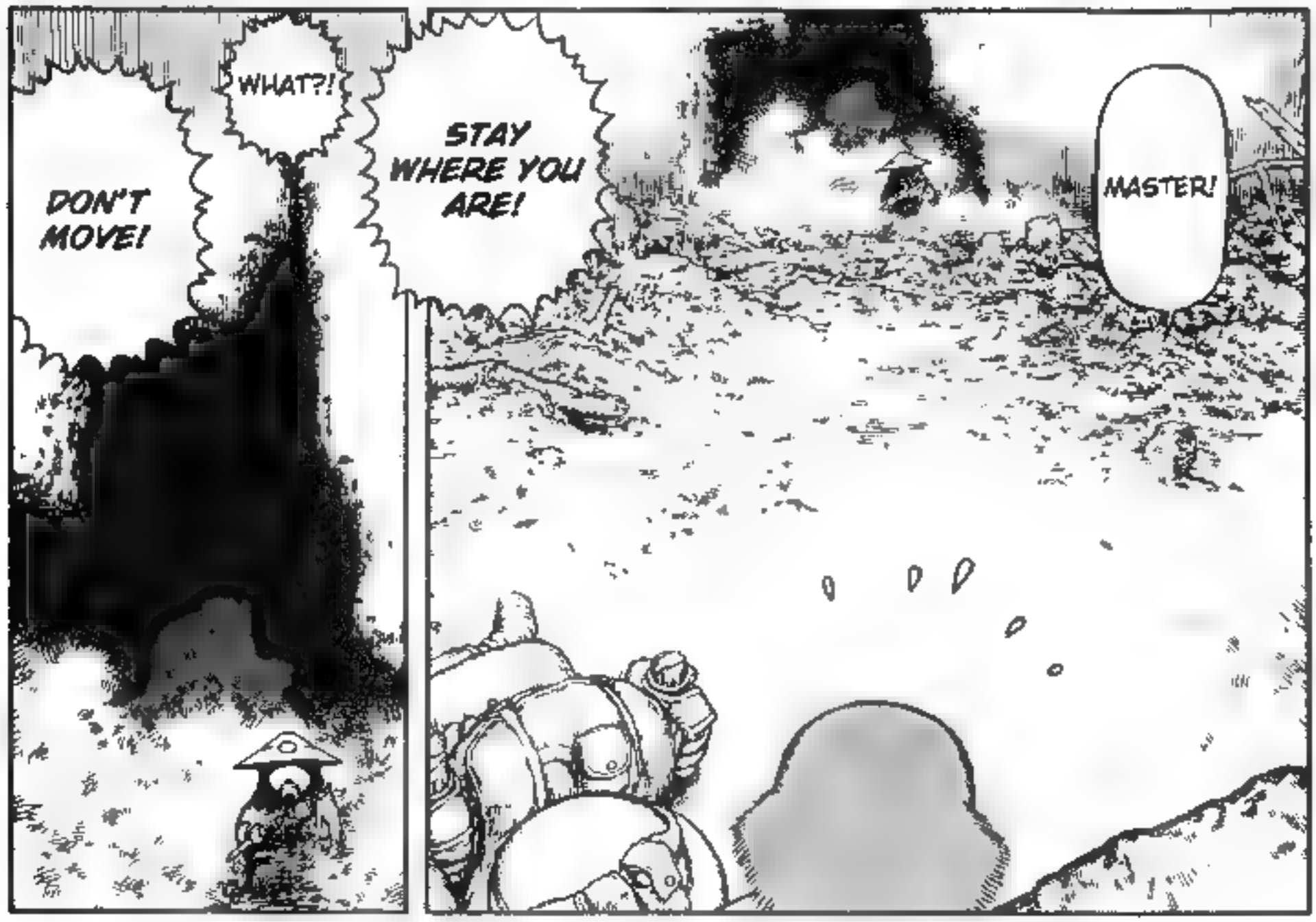
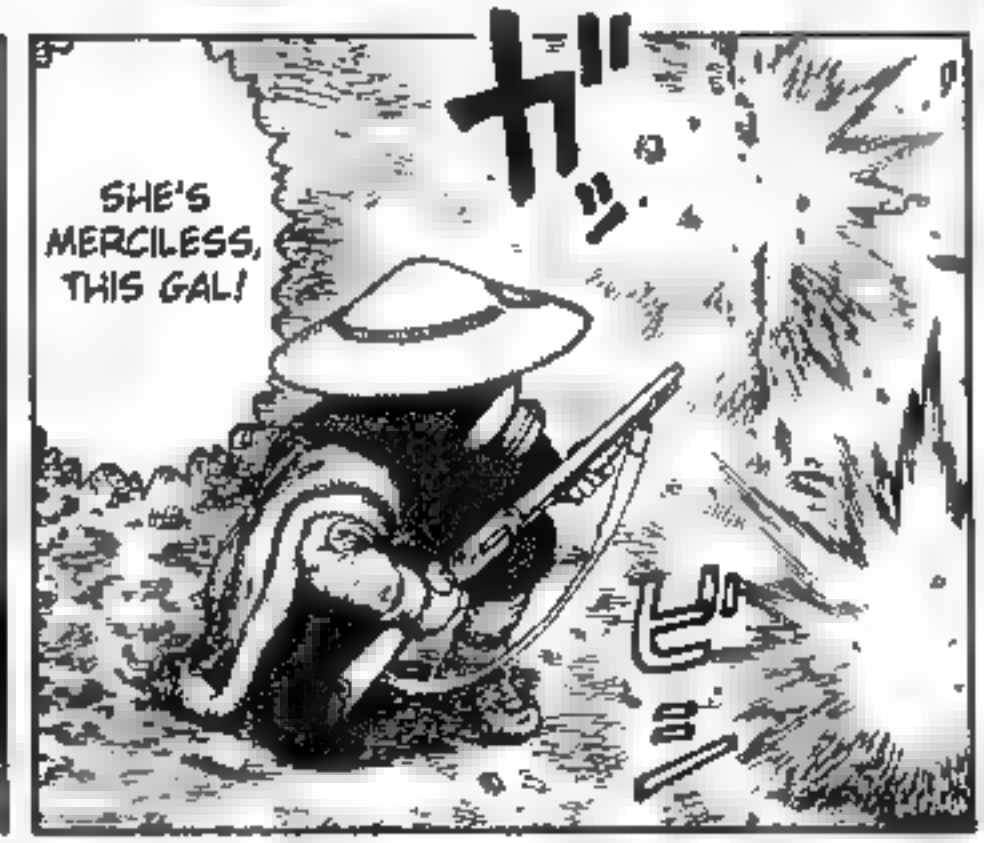
WE FORGOT ABOUT NATSUKO.
OBVI-OUSLY.

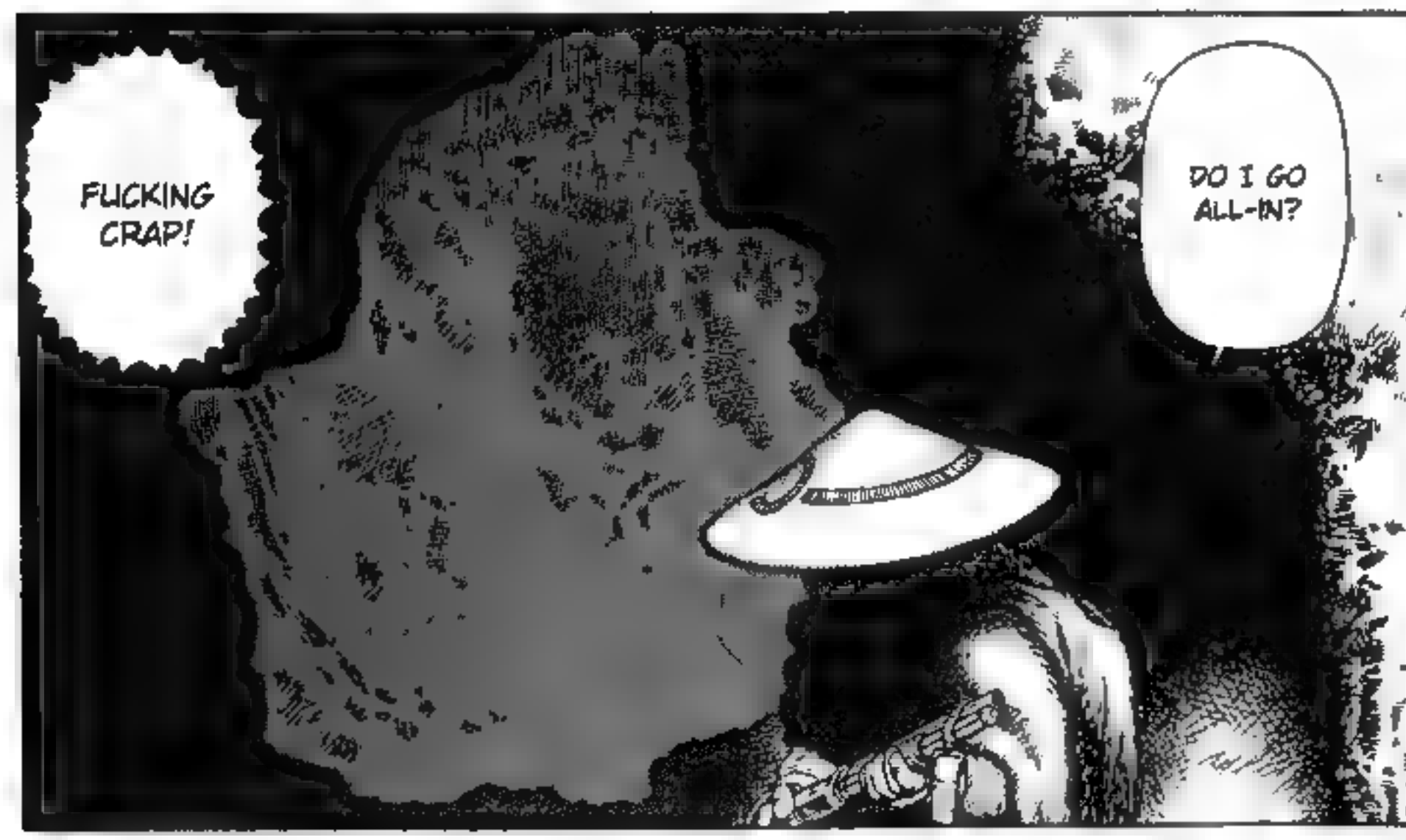

DON'T MOVE!
WHAT?!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
MASTER!

WILL YOU BE ABLE TO FIGHT NATSUKO ?
OH!

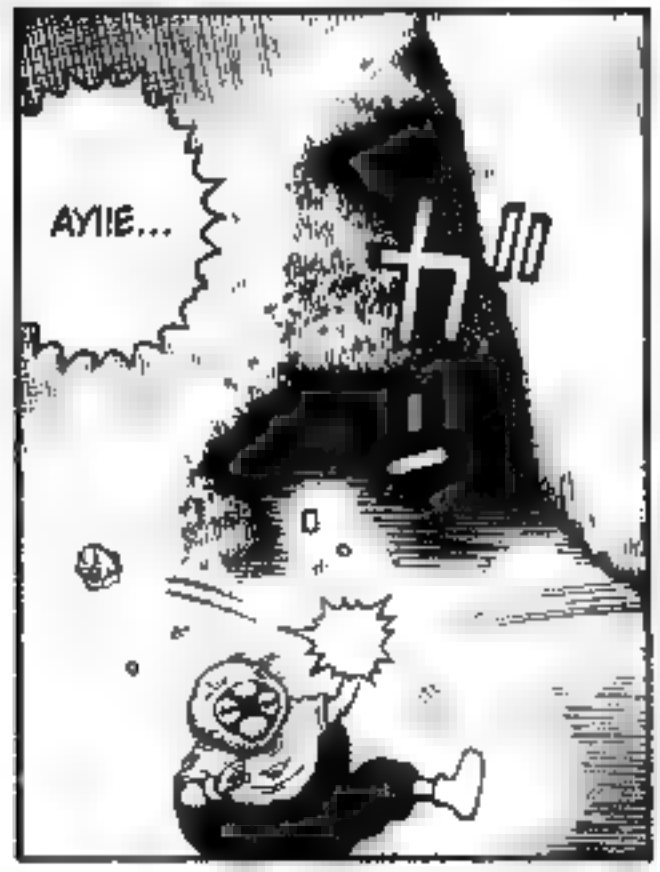
BUT ER...
IT WOULD BE USELESS.
That's awful.

WHAT TO DO?

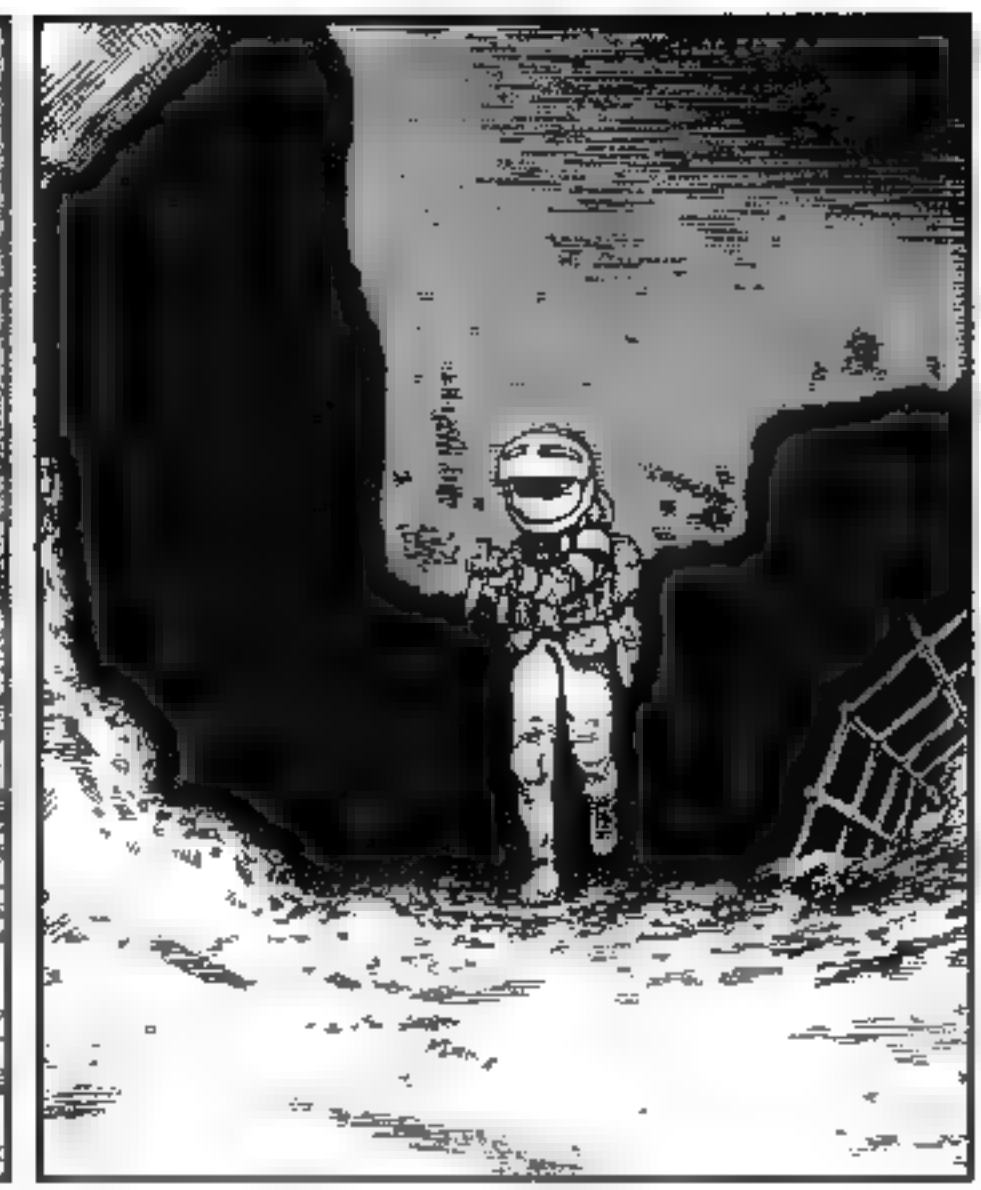

SHE'S MERCILESS, THIS GAL!

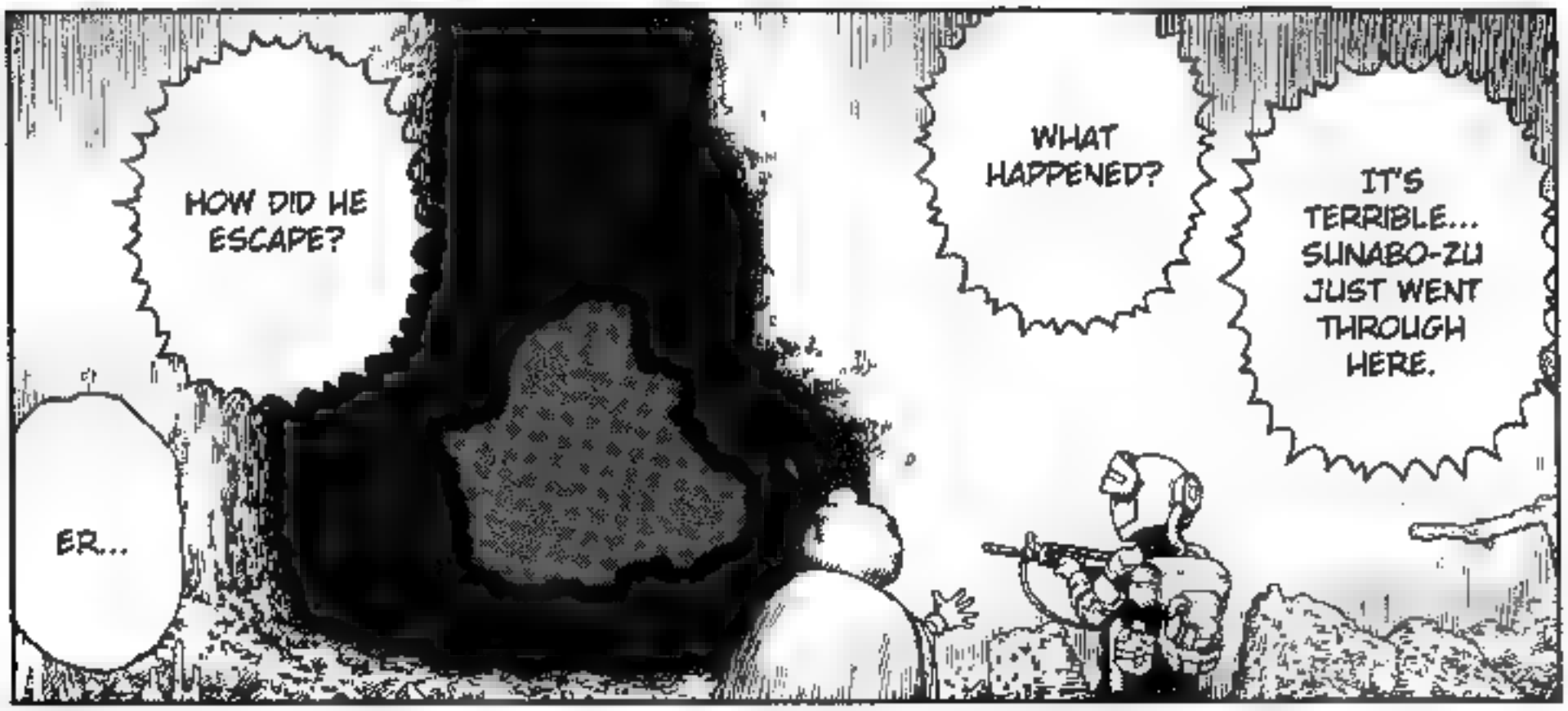

FUCKING CRAP!
DO I GO ALL-IN?

IT'S MY TURN TO FUCK YOU IN THE ASS.
YOU DAMN UGLY SMALL-BREASTED BITCH!

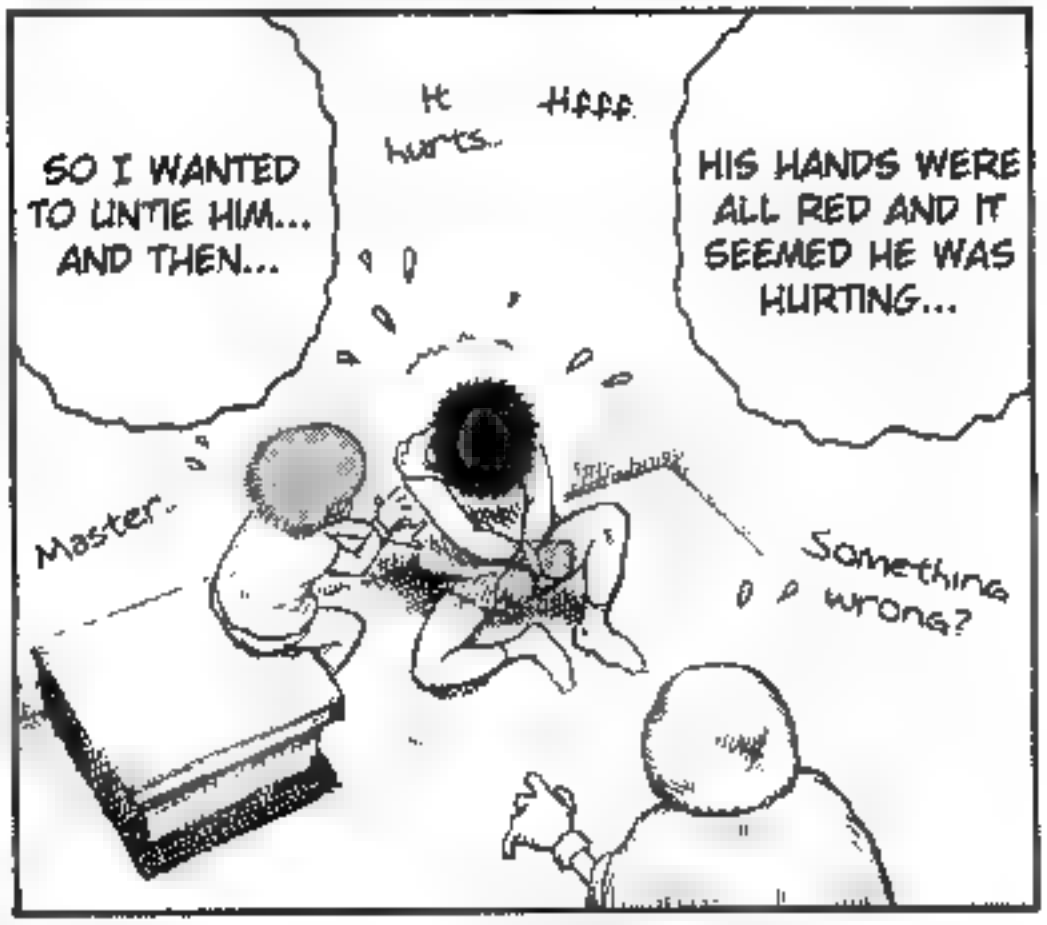

AYIIE...

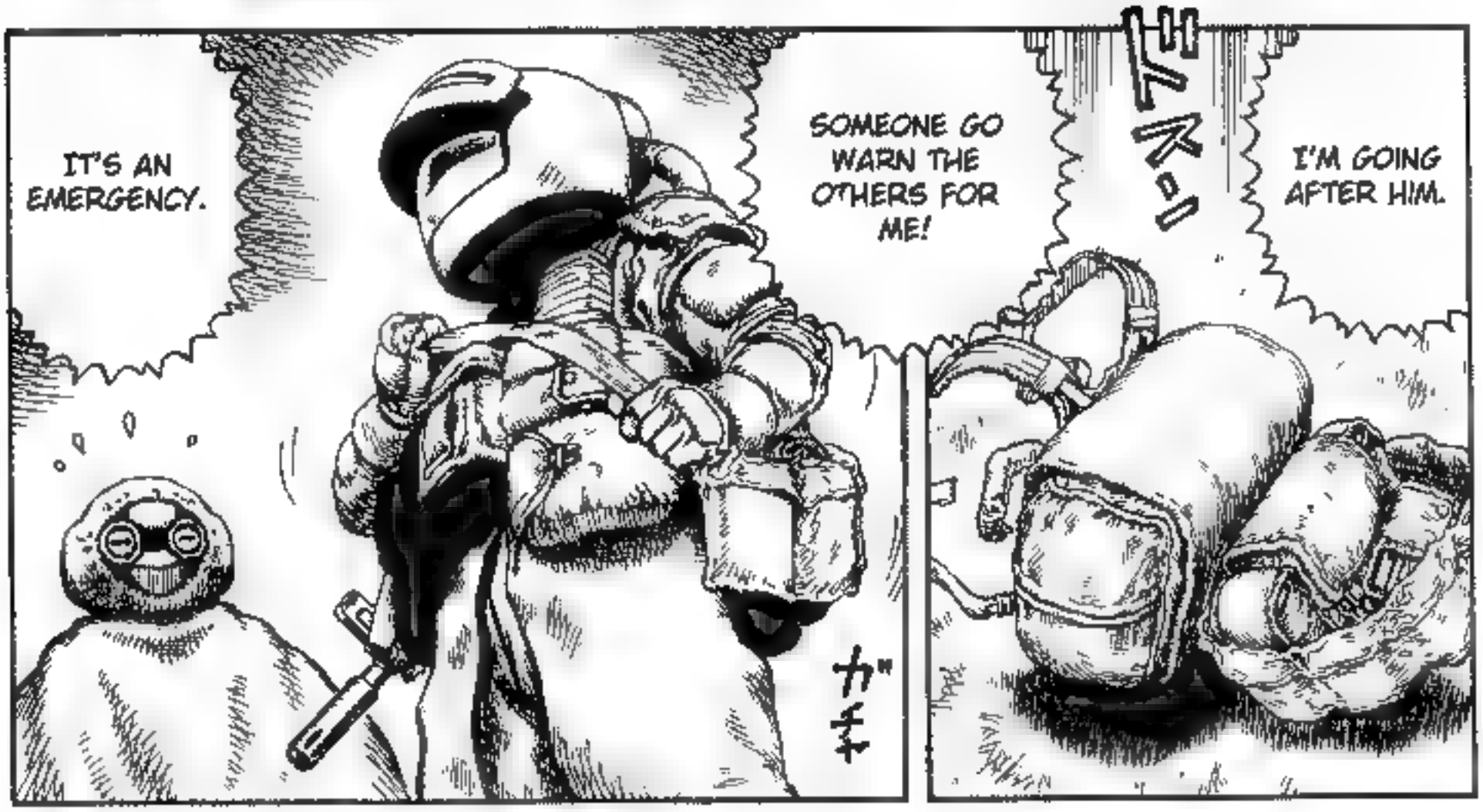
IF YOU GET LOST, YOU'RE DONE FOR!
NO! WAIT!




HOW DID HE ESCAPE?
ER...
WHAT HAPPENED?
IT'S TERRIBLE... SUNABO-ZU JUST WENT THROUGH HERE.

HE MADE THE BLOOD RUSH TO HIS HANDS ON PURPOSE.
AH...
IT WAS A RUSE.


SO I WANTED TO UNTIE HIM... AND THEN...
It hurts.
Hfff.
HIS HANDS WERE ALL RED AND IT SEEMED HE WAS HURTING...
Master.
Something wrong?


IT'S AN EMERGENCY.
SOMEONE GO WARN THE OTHERS FOR ME!
I'M GOING AFTER HIM.

WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO KEEP OUR PART OF THE DEAL.
IF HE WERE TO DIE...

DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO BRING HIM BACK ALIVE.
NATSUKO...

WHAT DEAL ?
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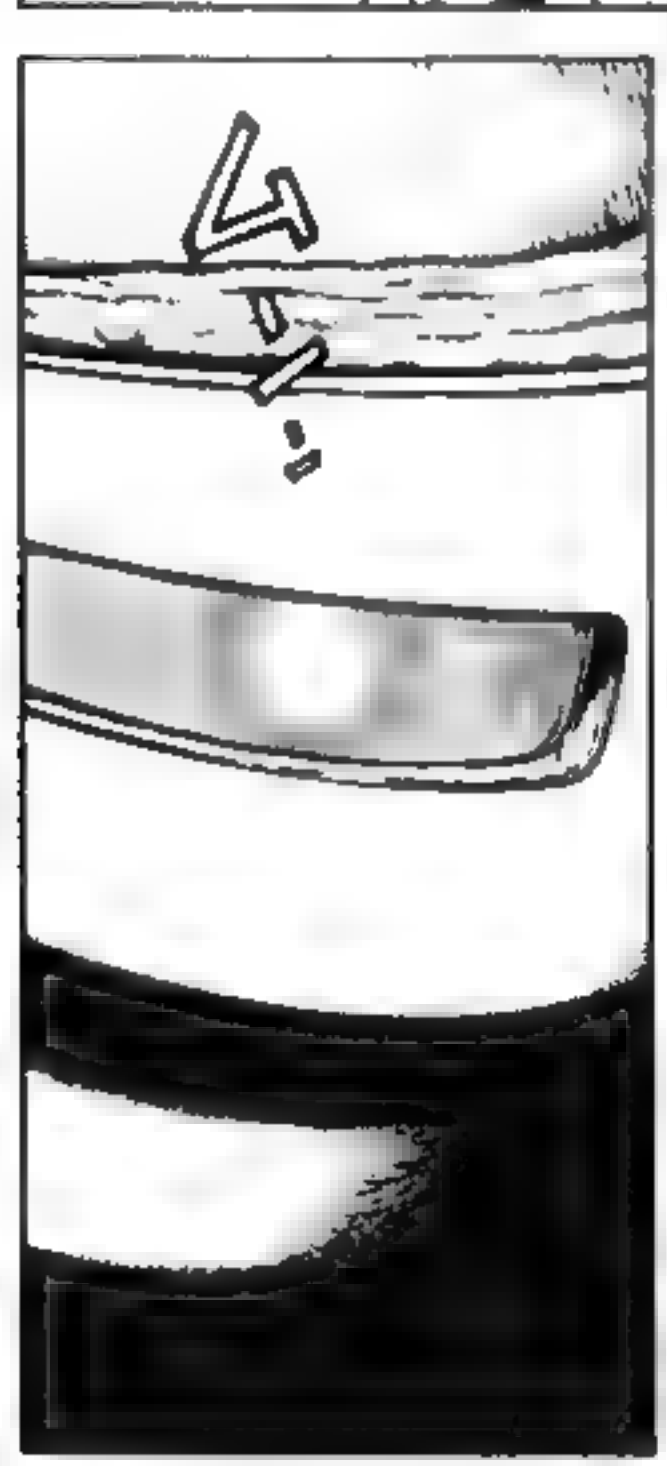

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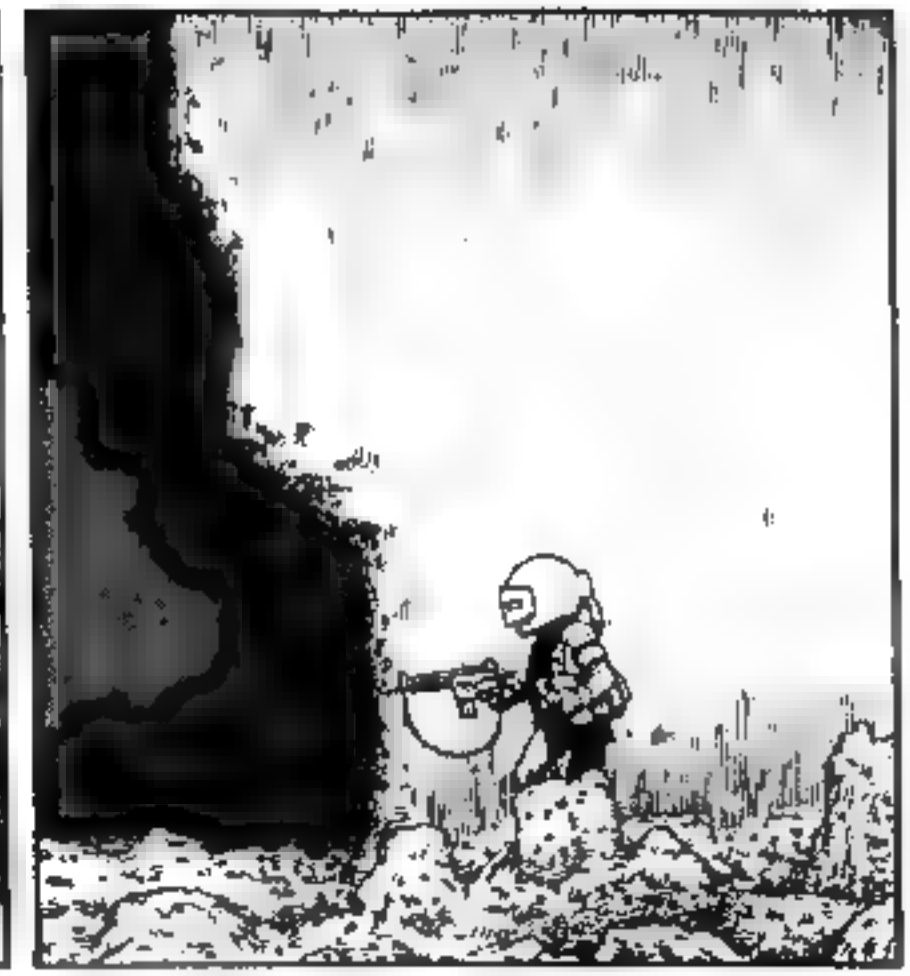

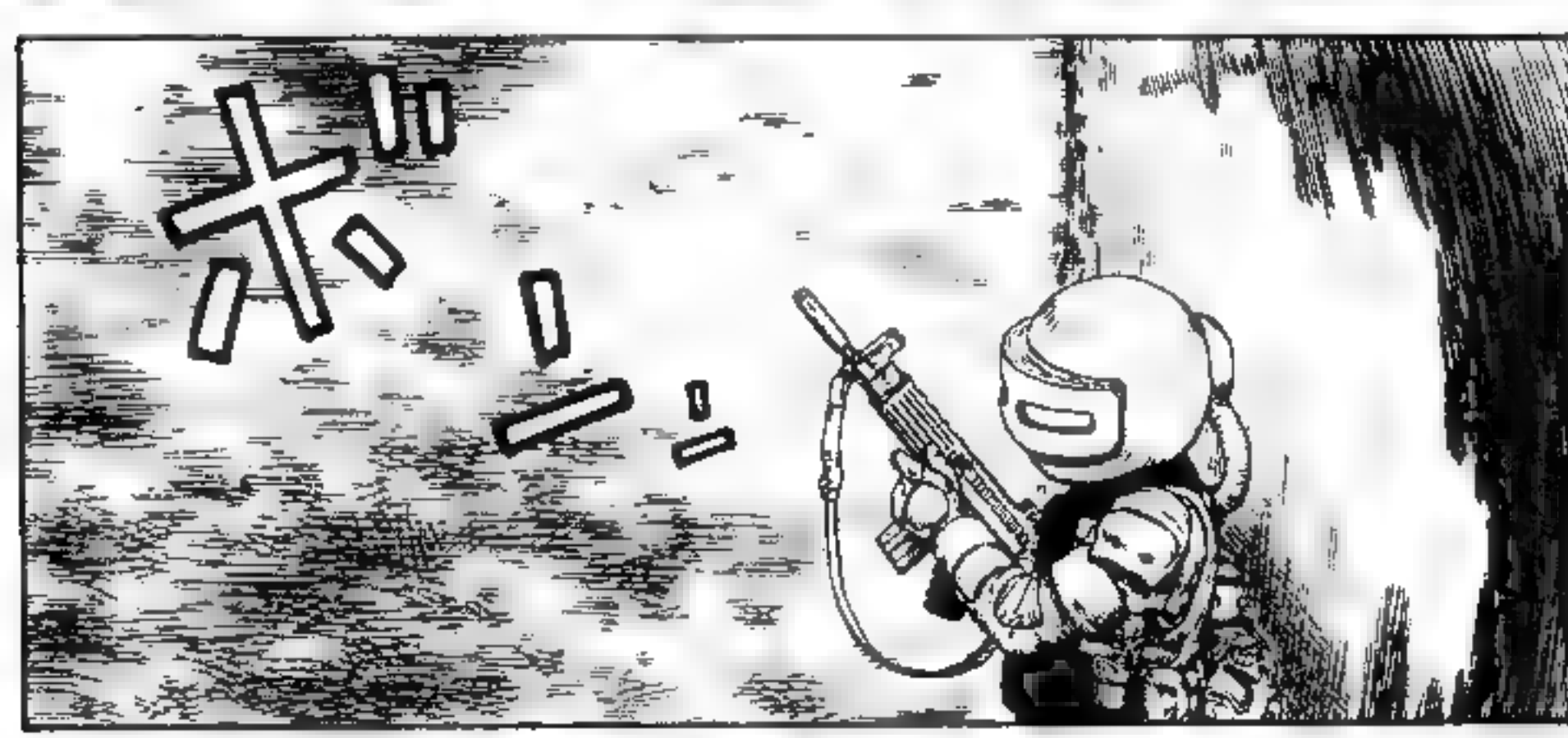

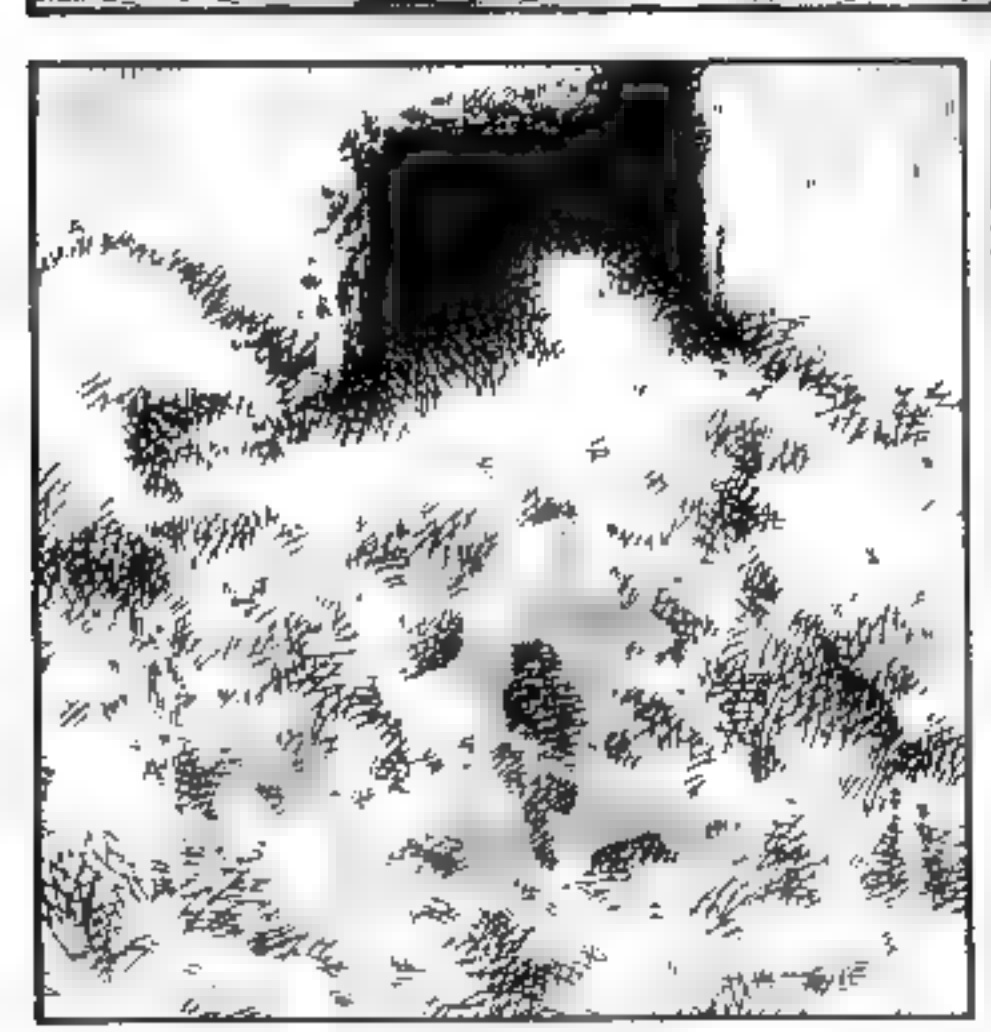

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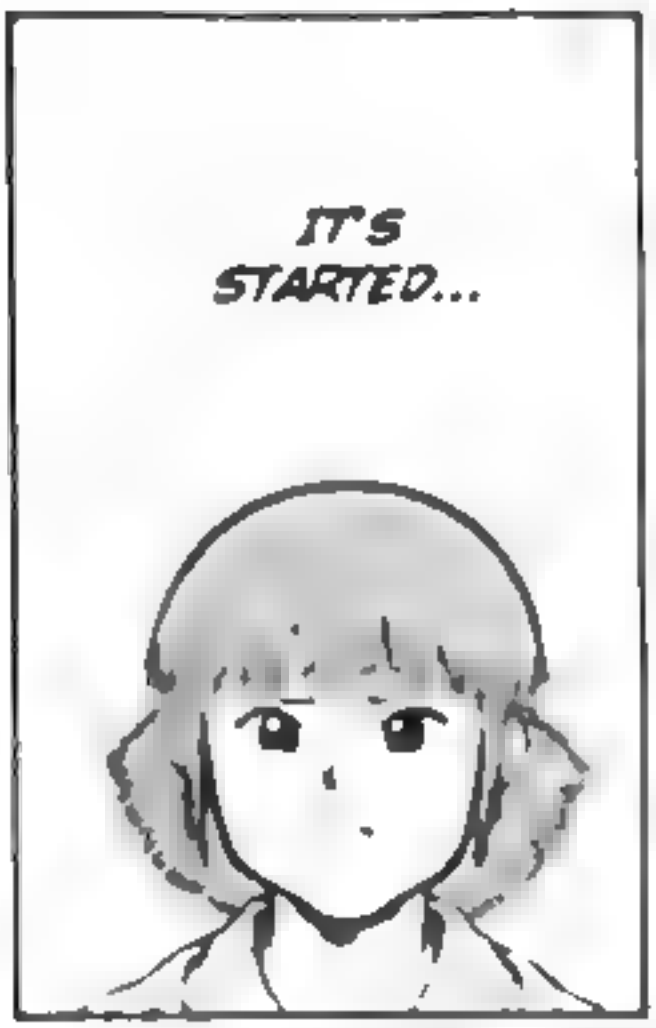
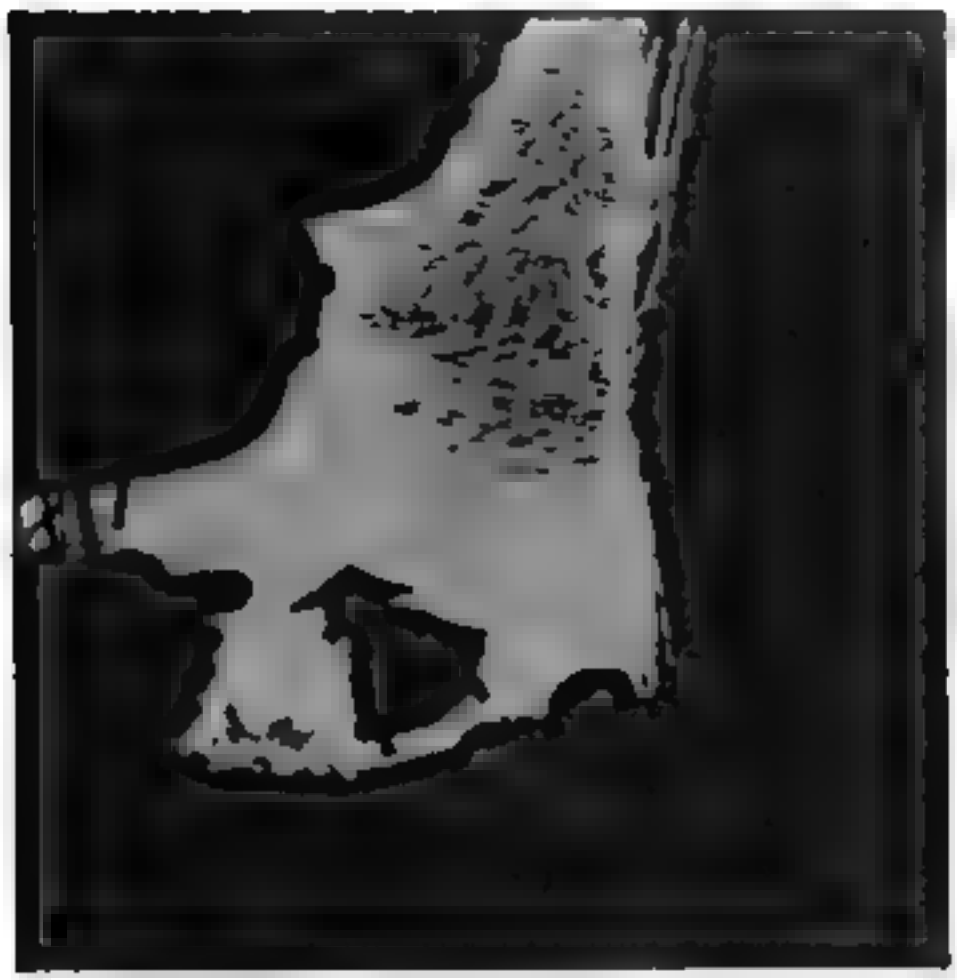
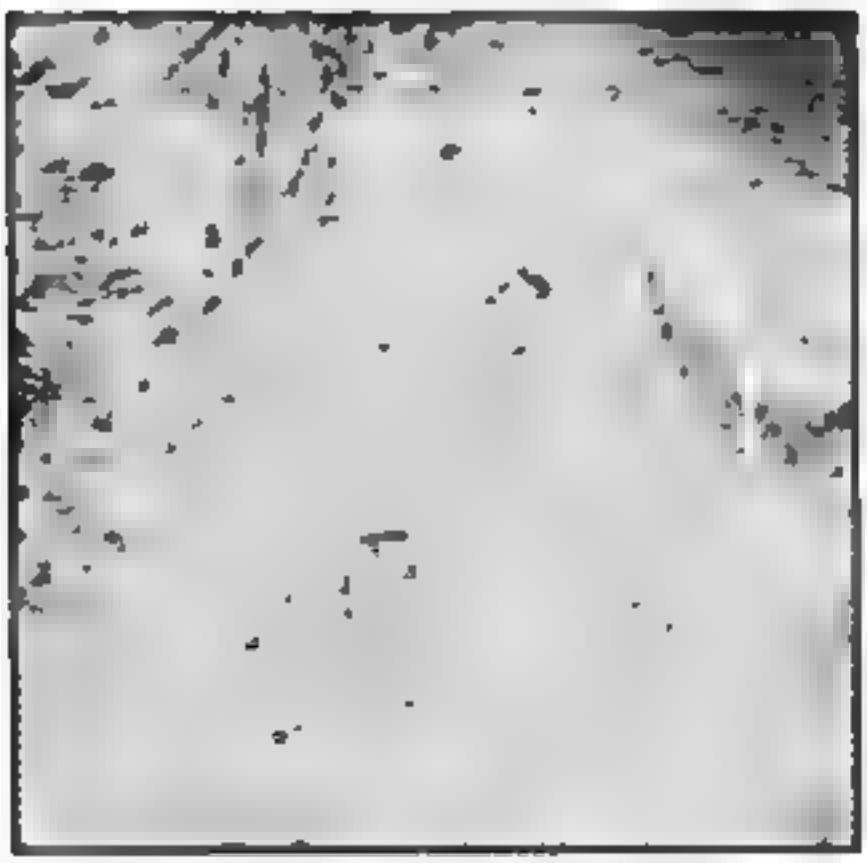
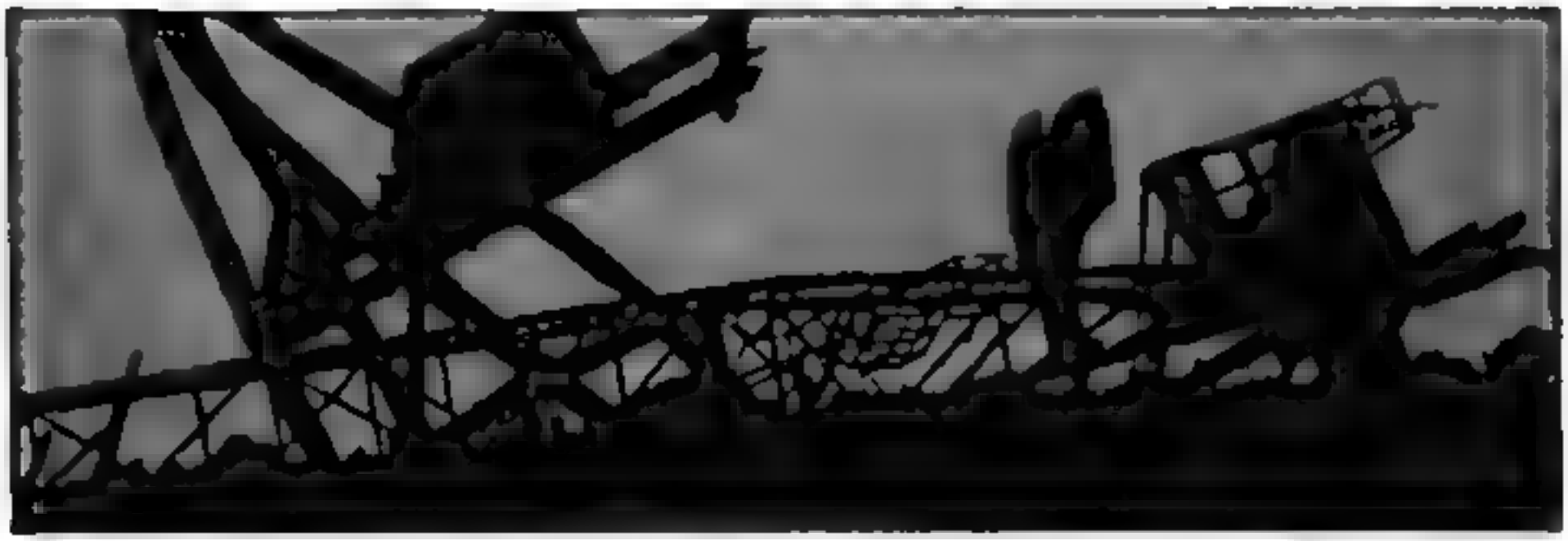
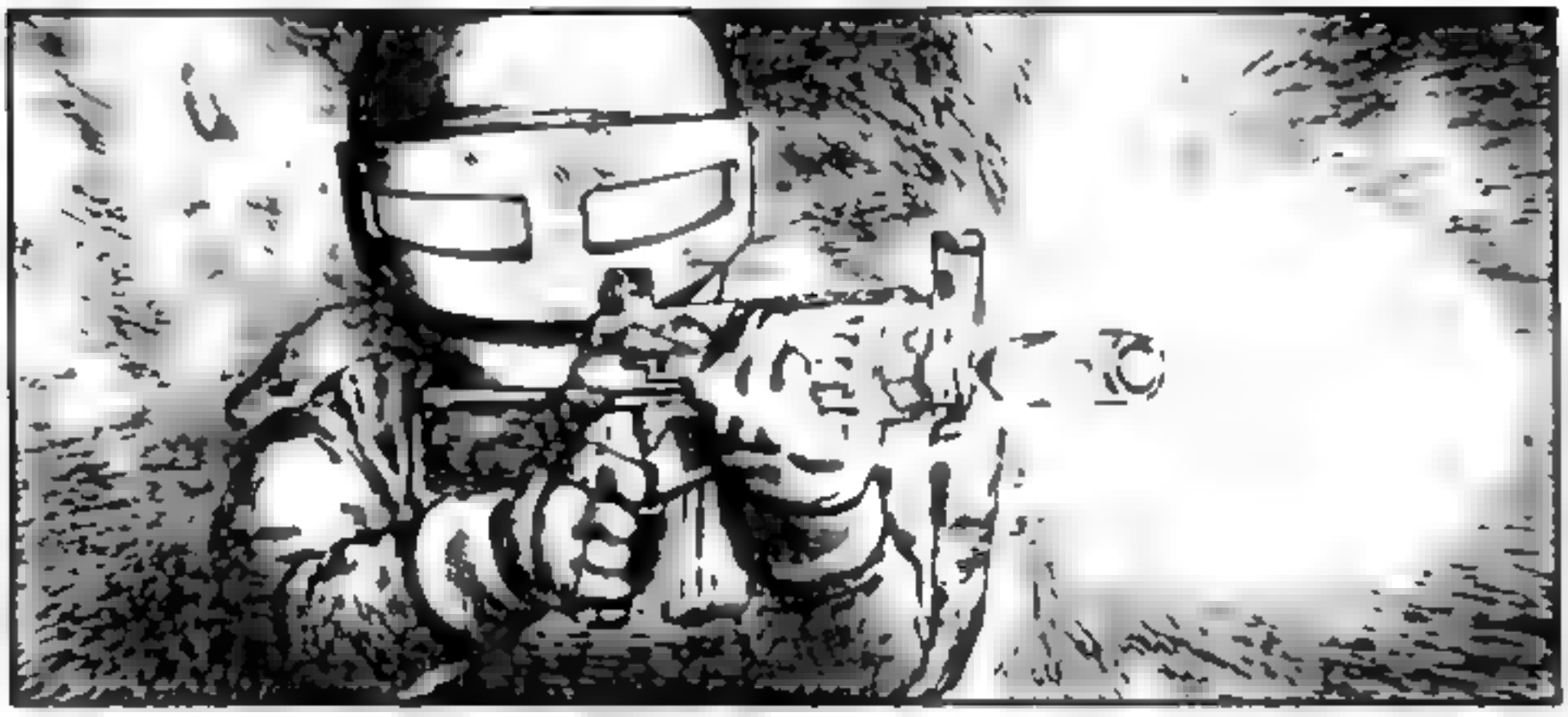

IT'S STARTED...

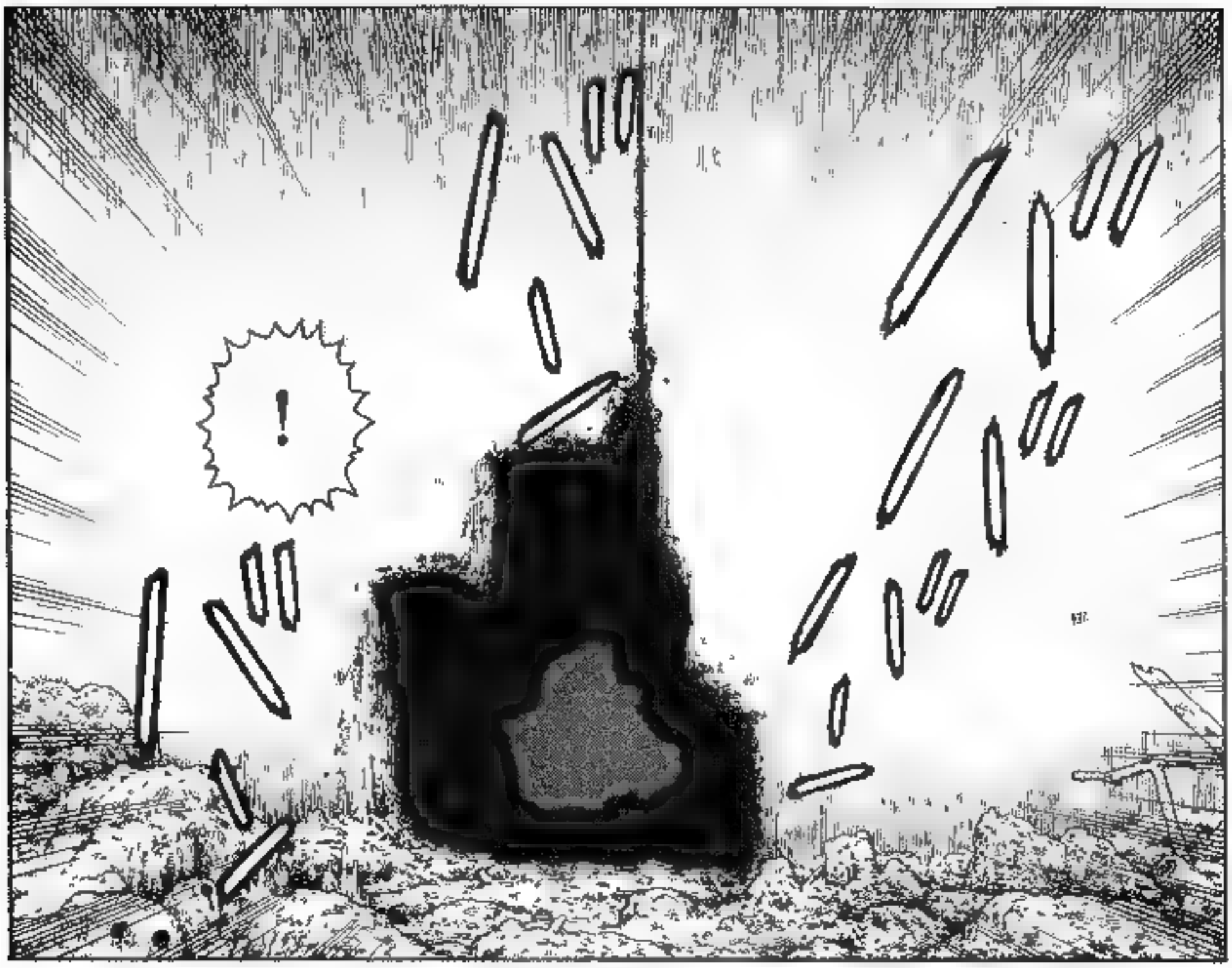
THAT, IS THE SOUND OF A FLASHBANG GRENADE
I WAS VERY CLEAR ABOUT NOT USING EXPLOSIVES







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THEY WON'T GO EASY.
THEY KNOW EACH OTHER SINCE CHILD-HOOD.

DON'T KID YOURSELF.
I HOPE NATSUKO HEARD ME RIGHT.

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THIS'LL GO WRONG.
AAH... MY GOD...

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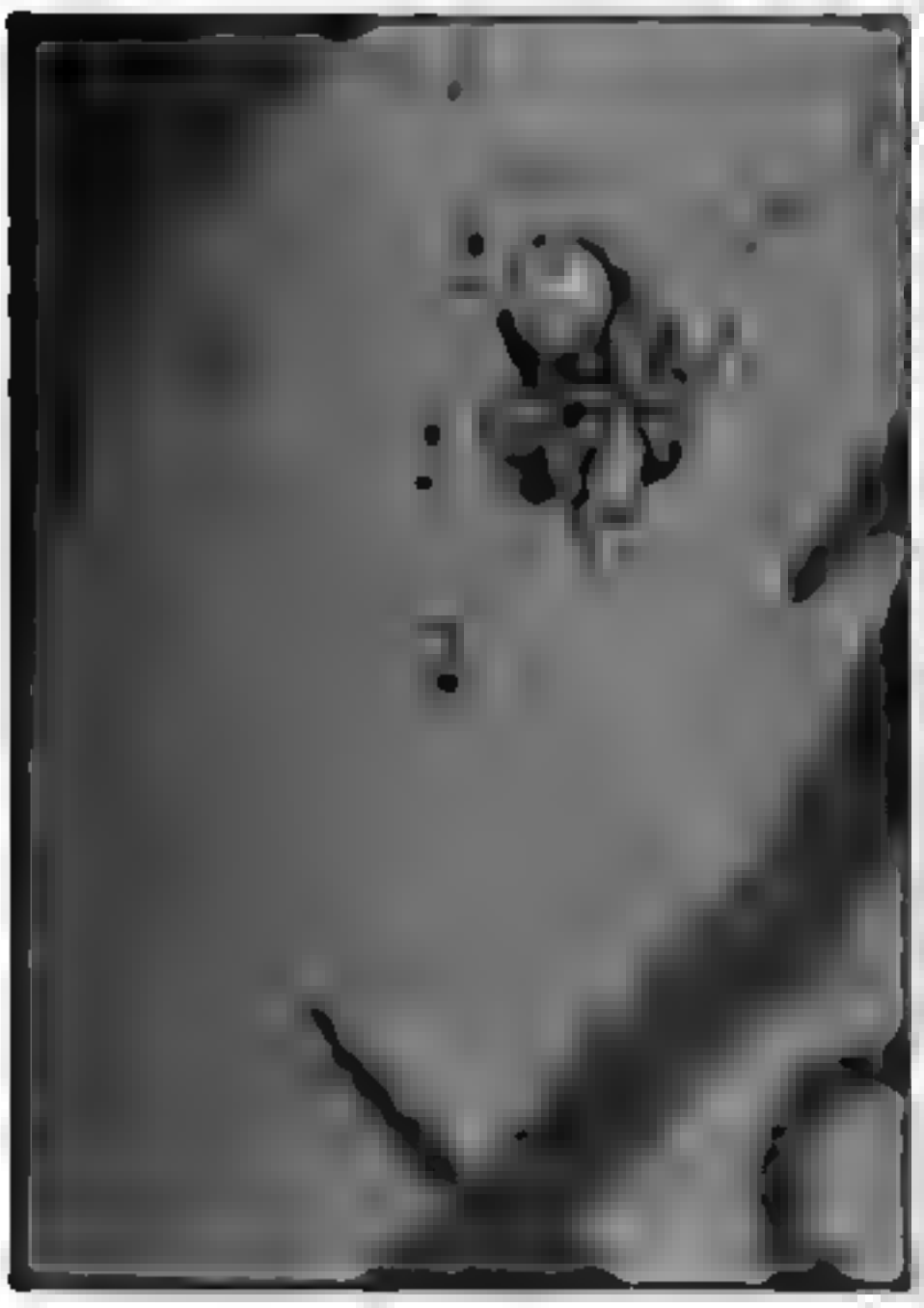

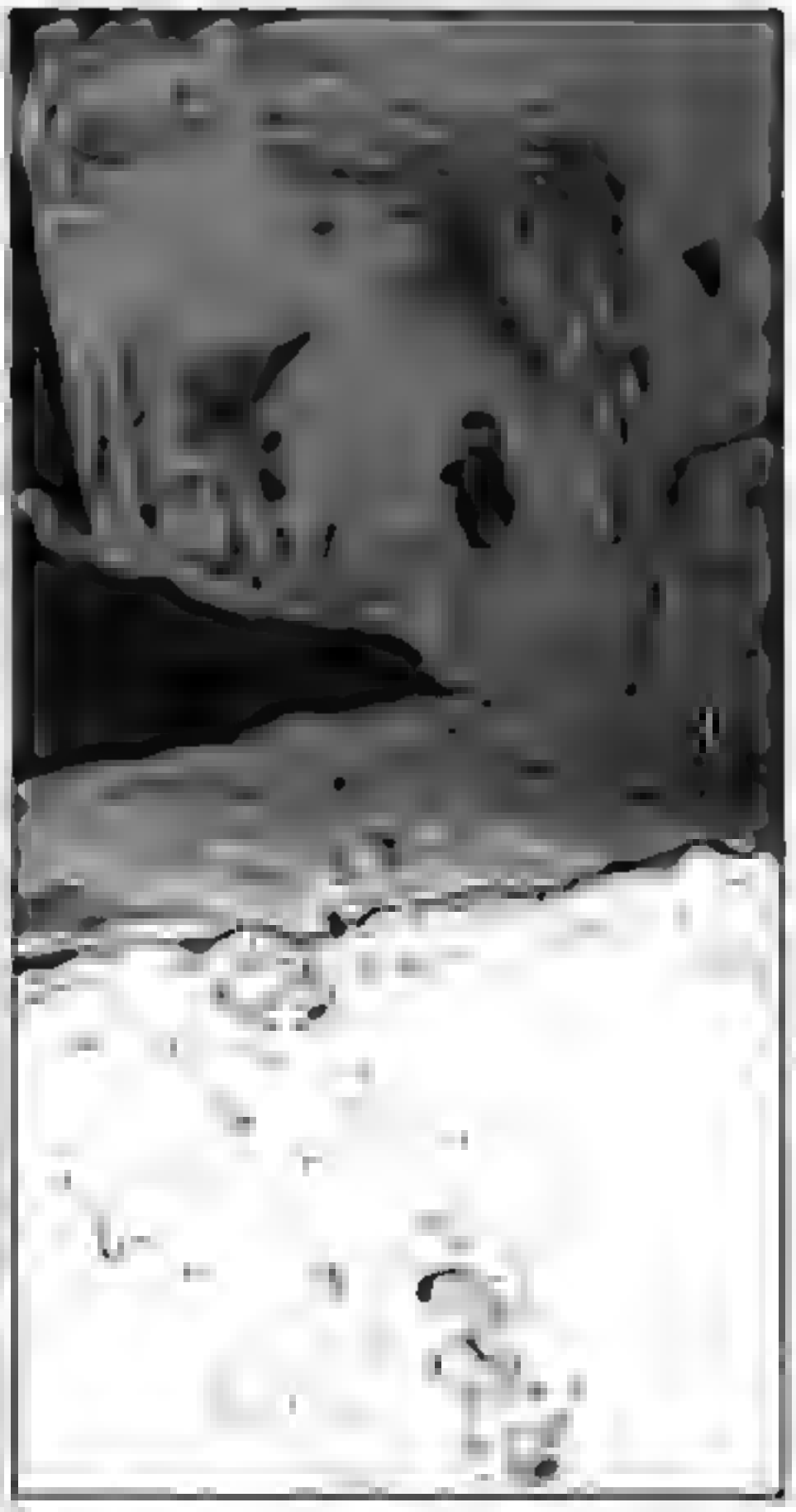

SHIT!
HUH?!
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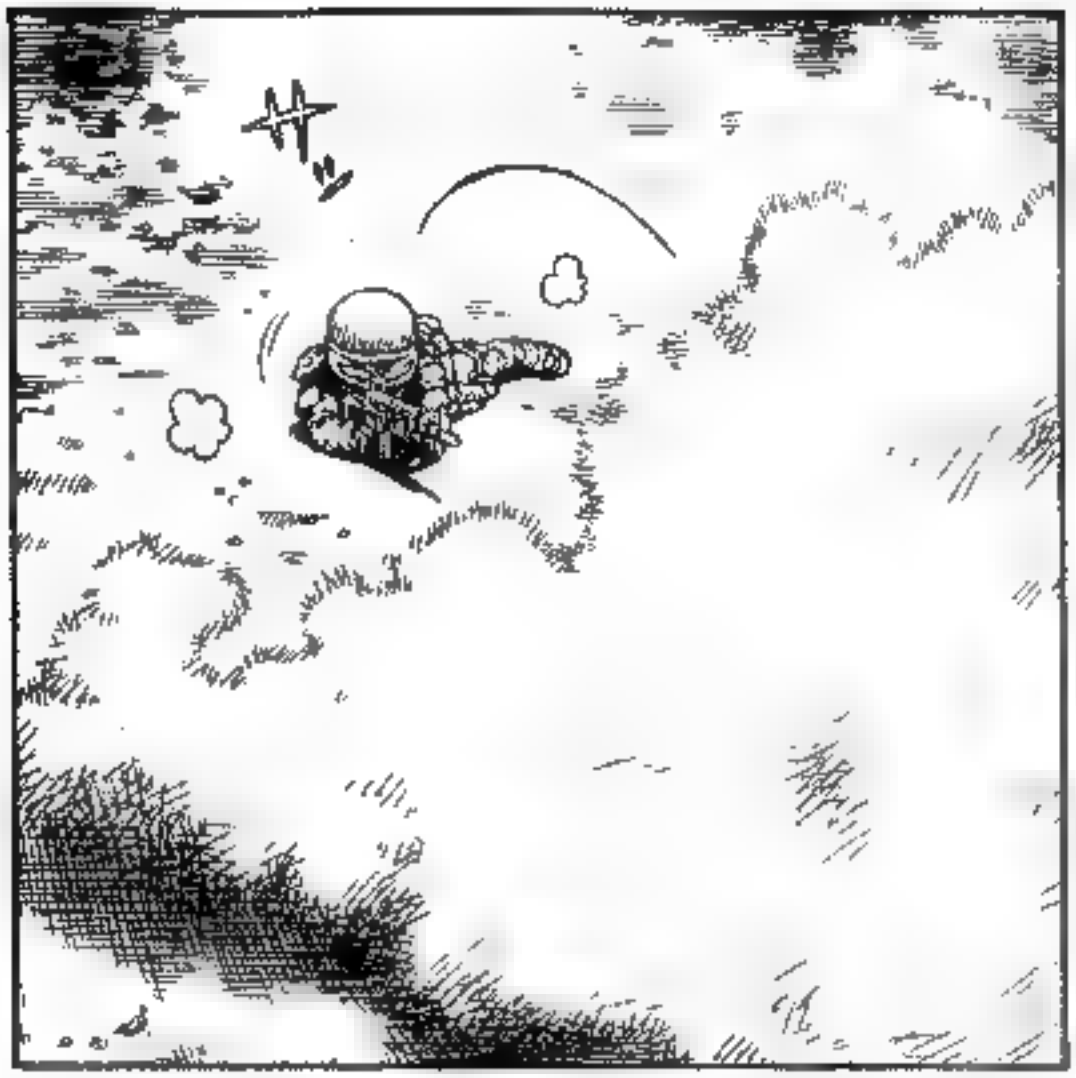
ARGH!



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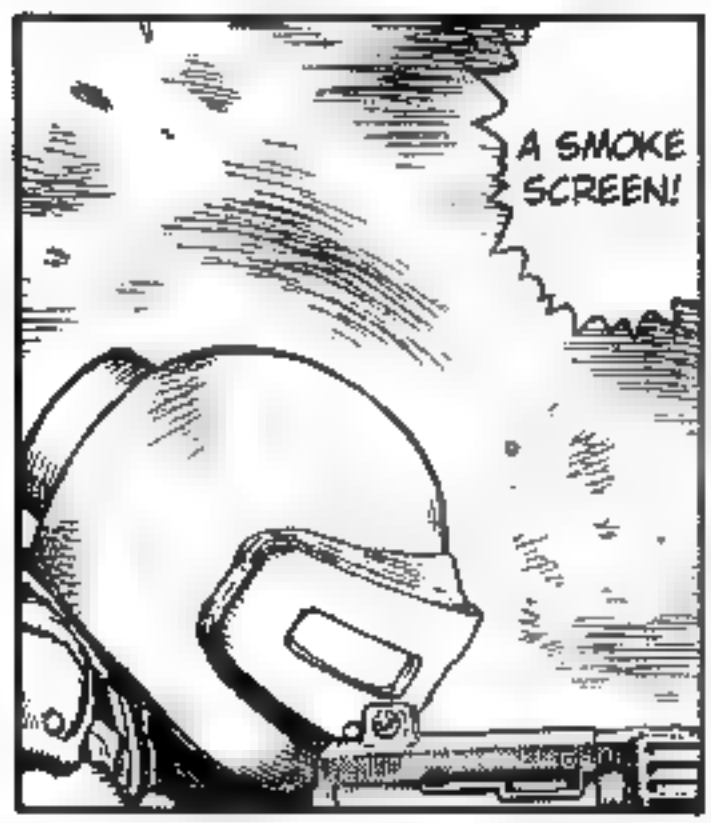
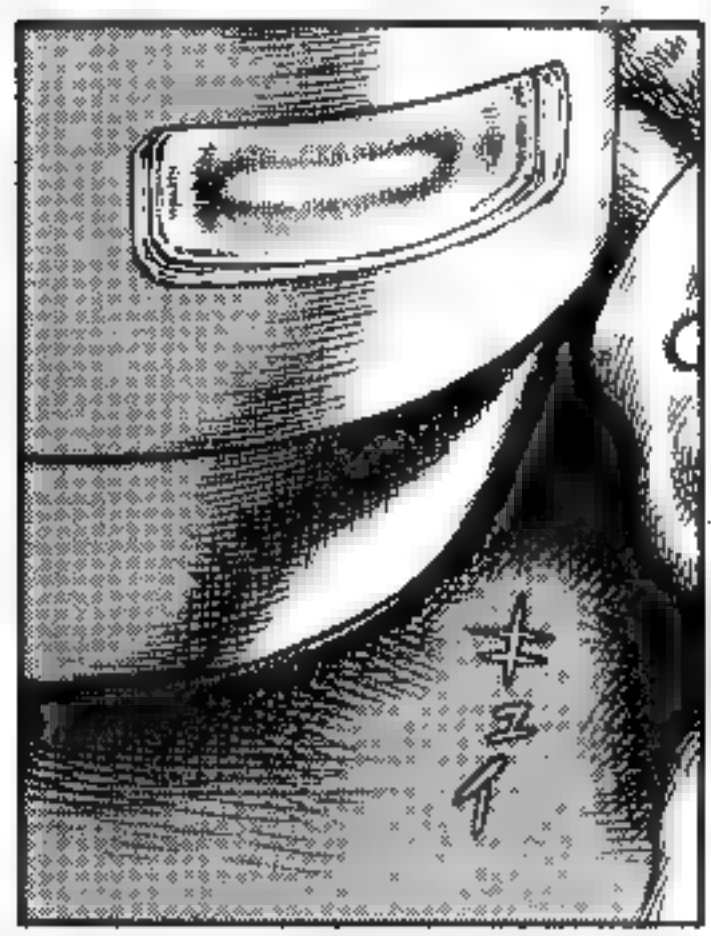
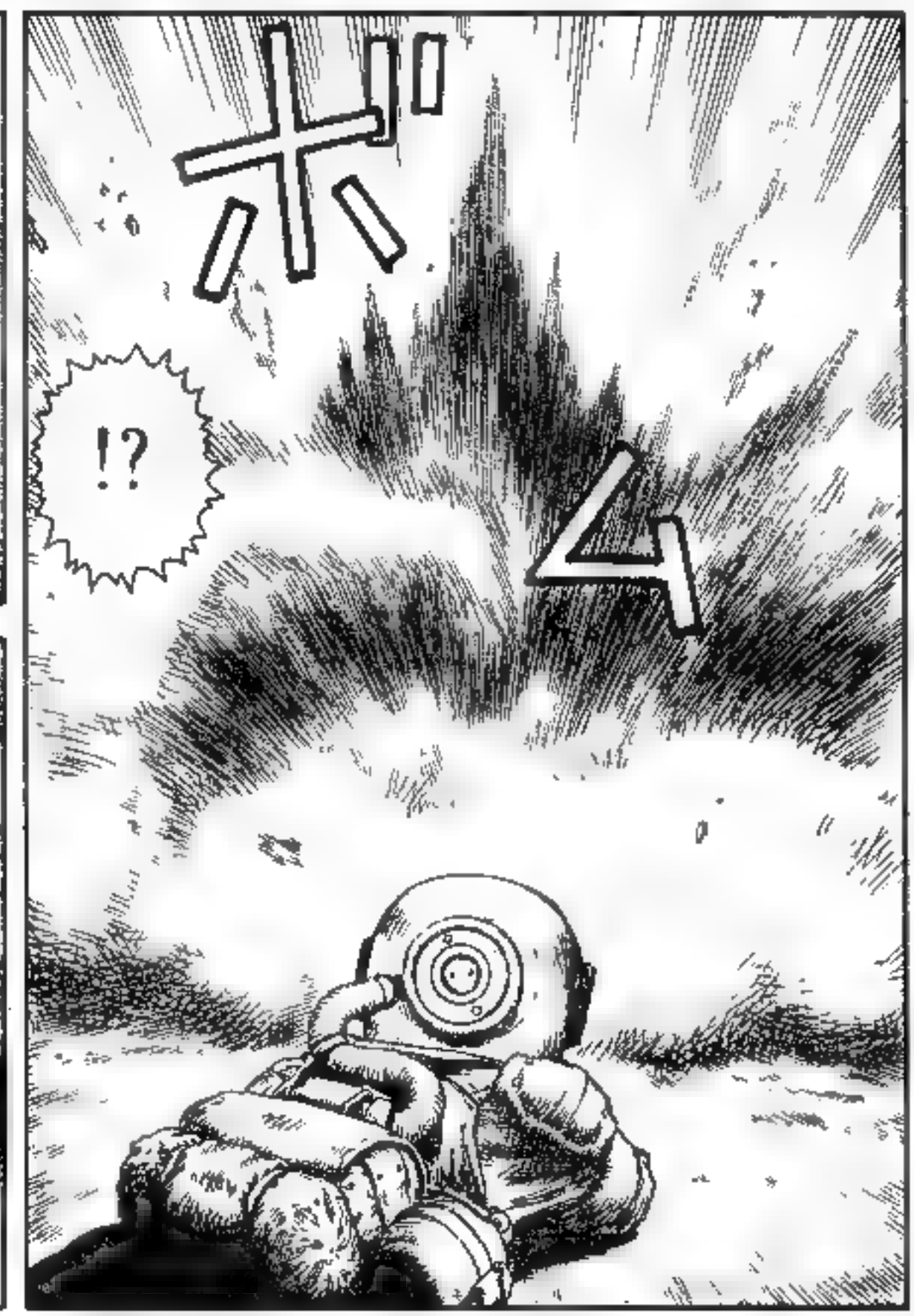

A SMOKE SCREEN!

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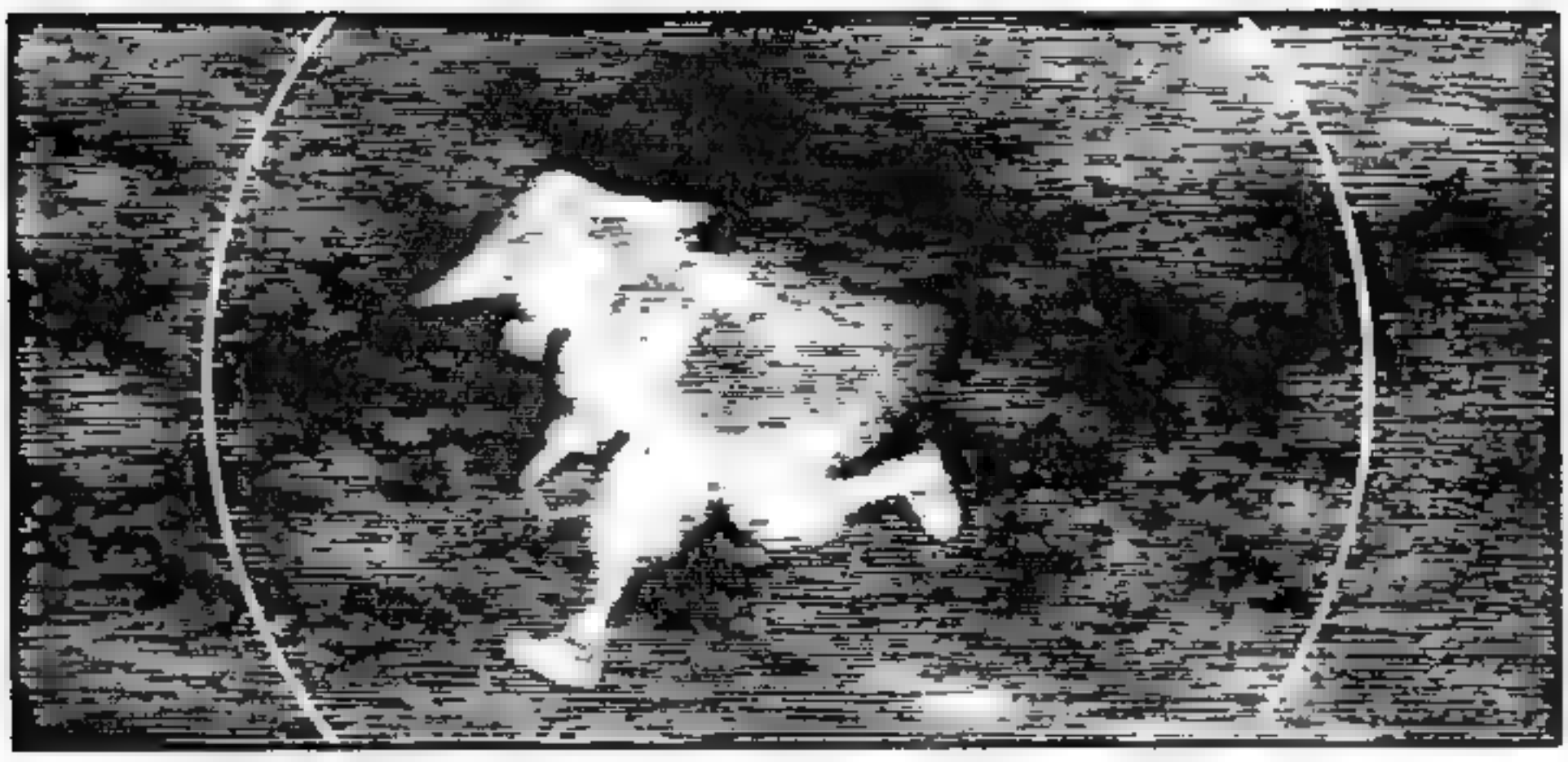

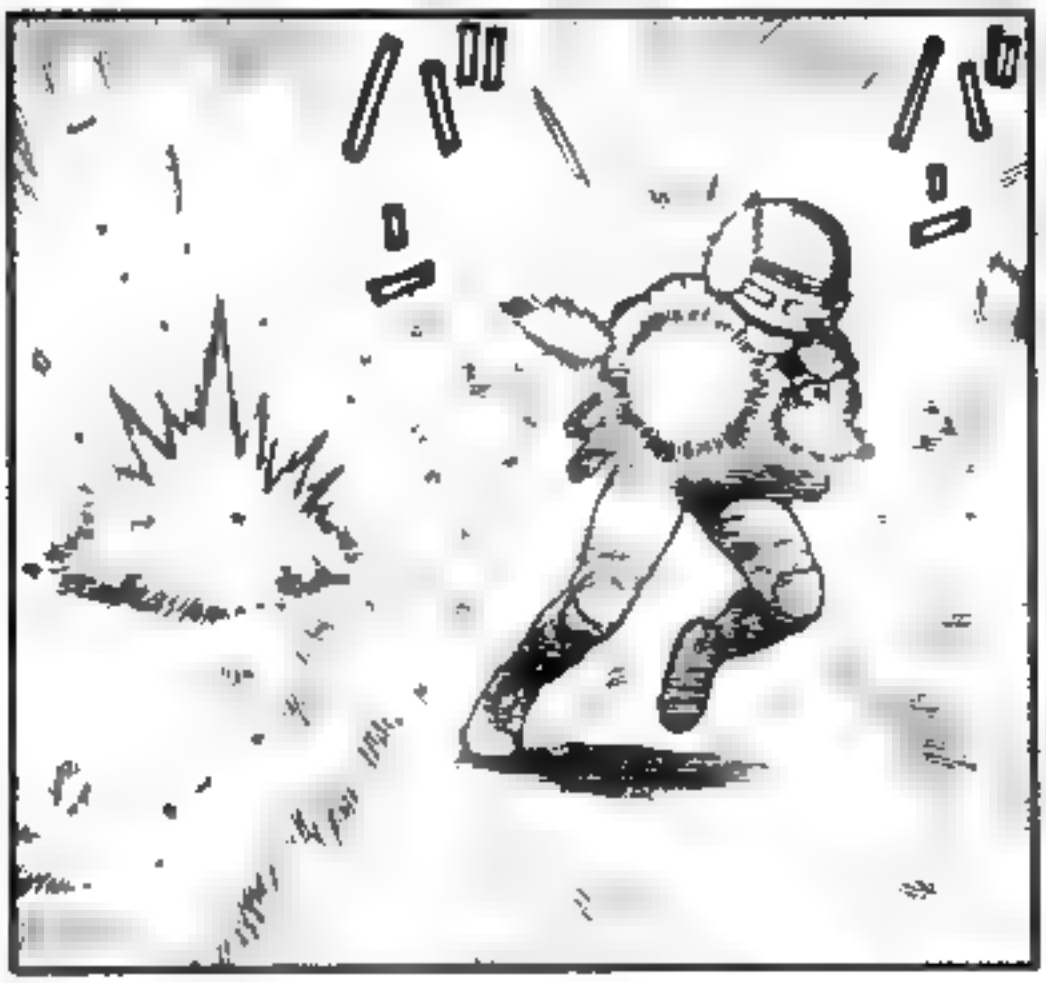

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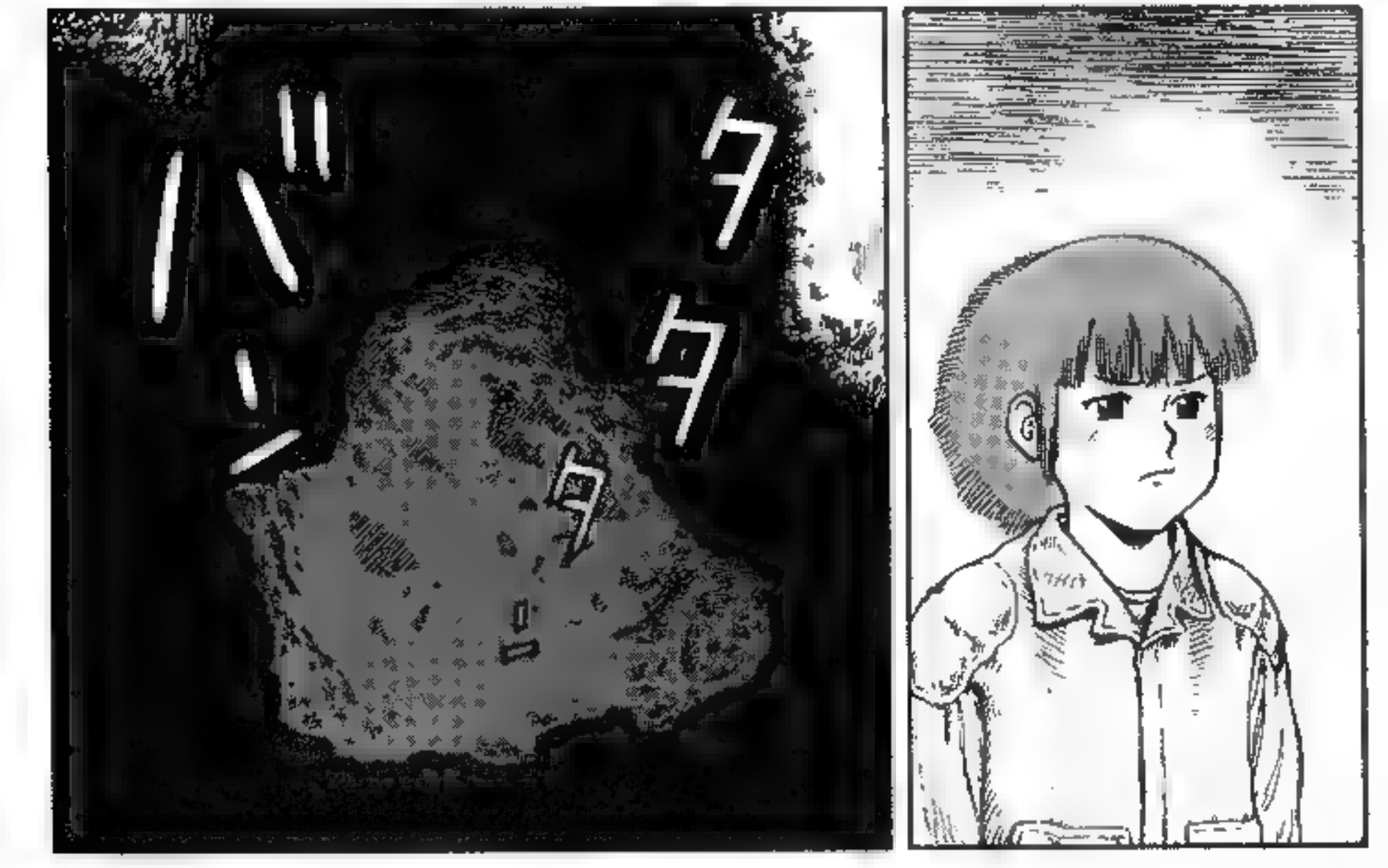
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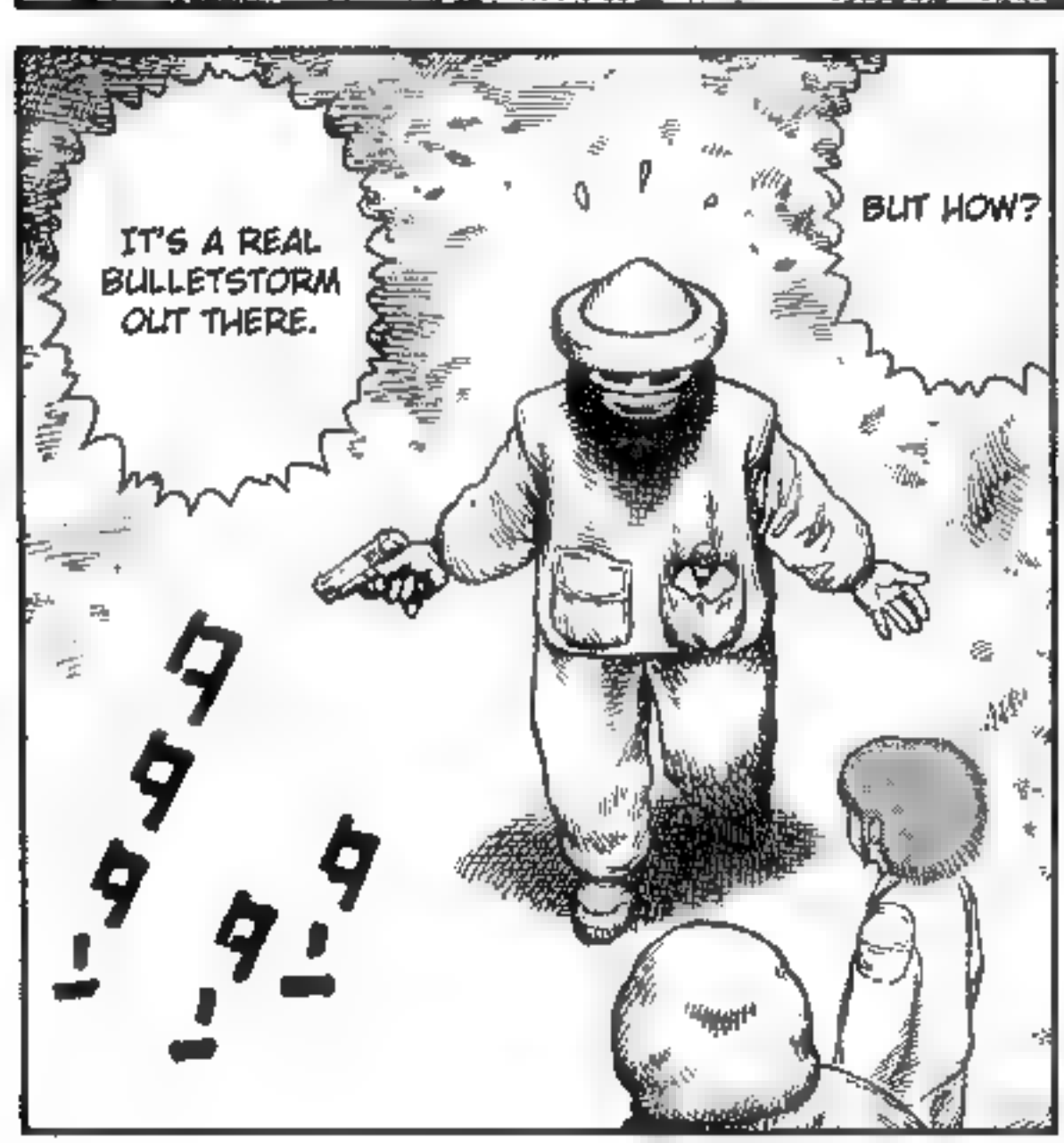
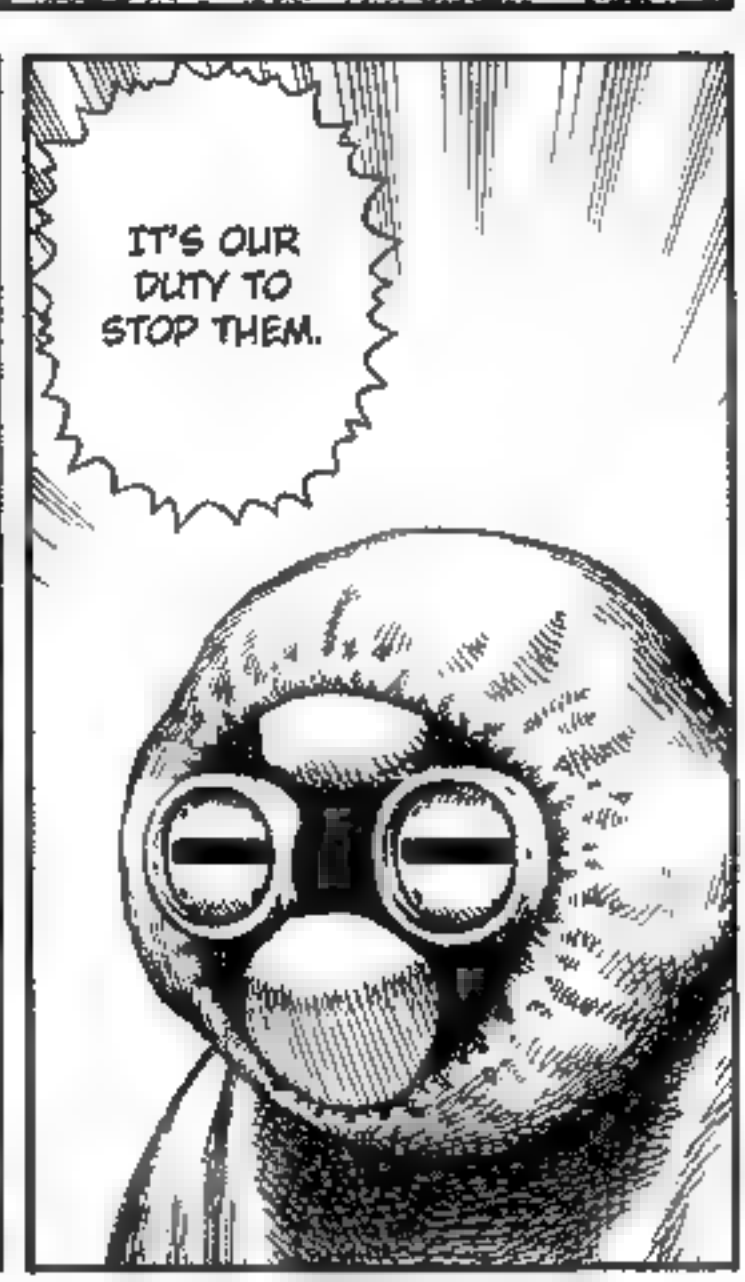
UNTIL ONE OF THEM DIES.
TAIKO'S RIGHT. THEY WILL KEEP ON FIGHTING...

WHAT?!
WE MUST FOLLOW THEM.

WE CAN'T LET THEM KILL EACH OTHER...
JUST LIKE NATSUKO. SHE WAS ALSO AGAINST THE PLAN AT FIRST.
TO MAKE OUR DREAM COME TRUE, WE MANAGED TO CONVINCE SUNABO-ZU...


IT'S A REAL BULLETSTORM OUT THERE.
BUT HOW?


IT'S OUR DUTY TO STOP THEM.

WE CAN FIND THEIR TRAIL.
WITH TAIKO'S HELP,
WE KNOW THIS PLACE BY HEART.

AND THEY WON'T LISTEN TO US ANYWAY.
BECAUSE OF THE ECHO, IT'S HARD TO PINPOINT THEIR LOCATION.

YOU WANT TO STOP THEM TOO, DON'T YOU?
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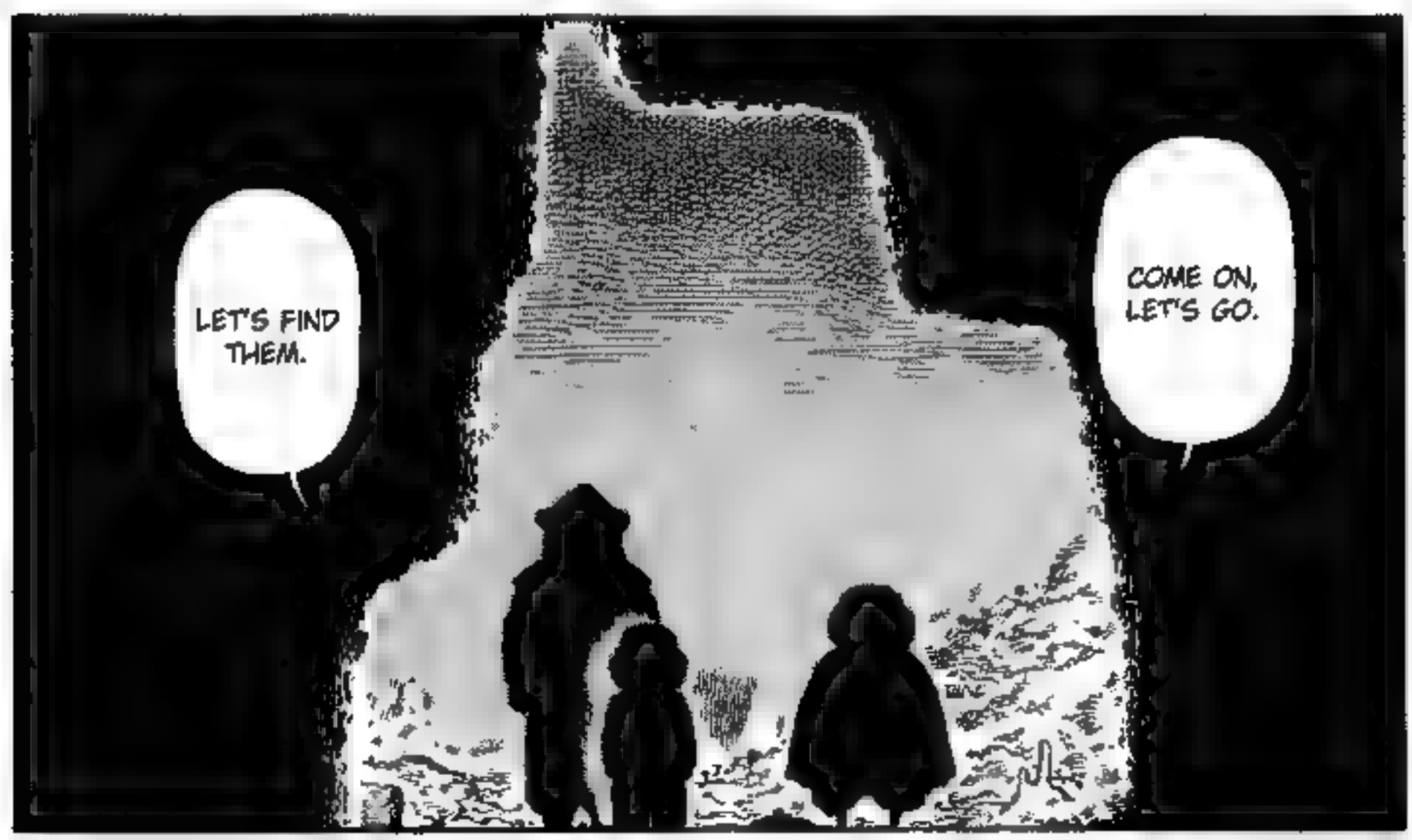
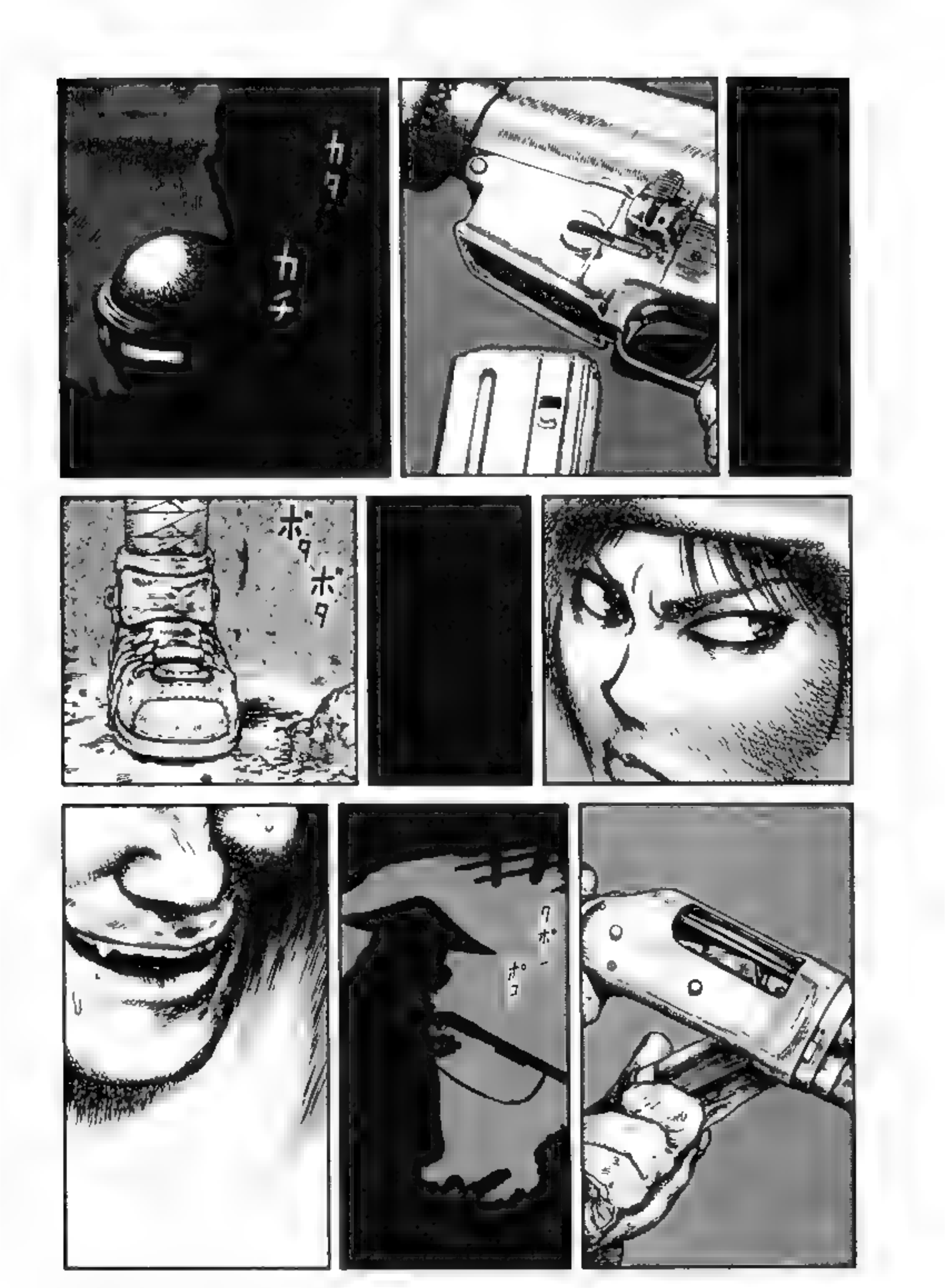

LET'S FIND THEM.
COME ON, LET'S GO.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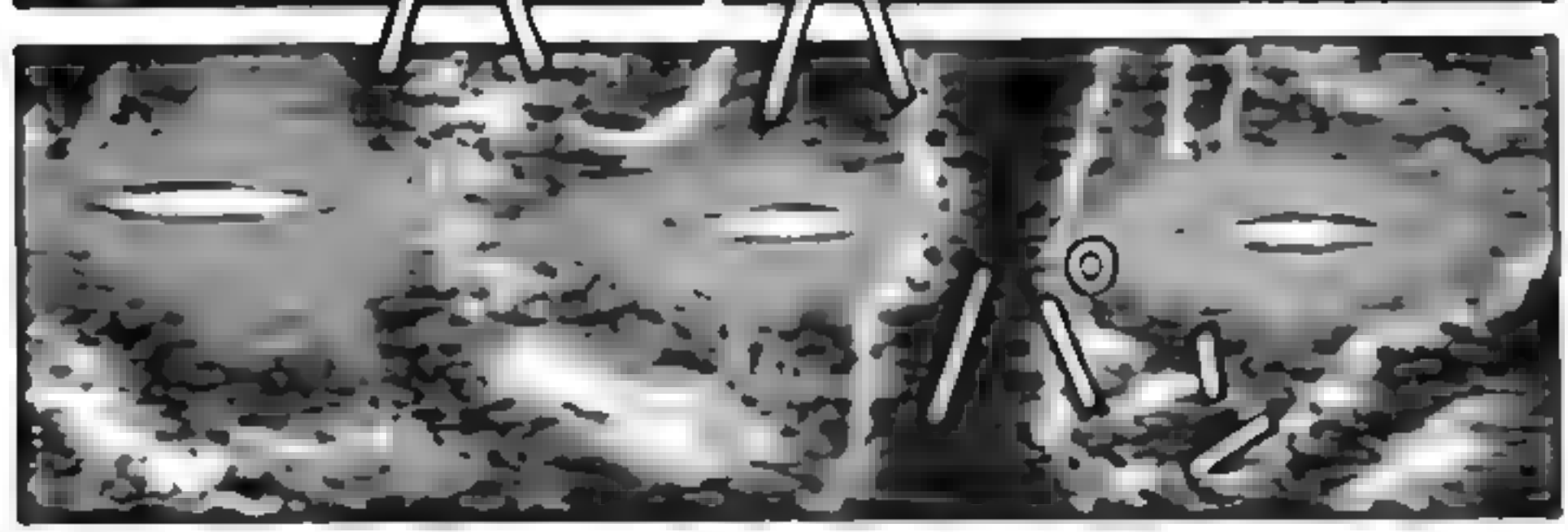

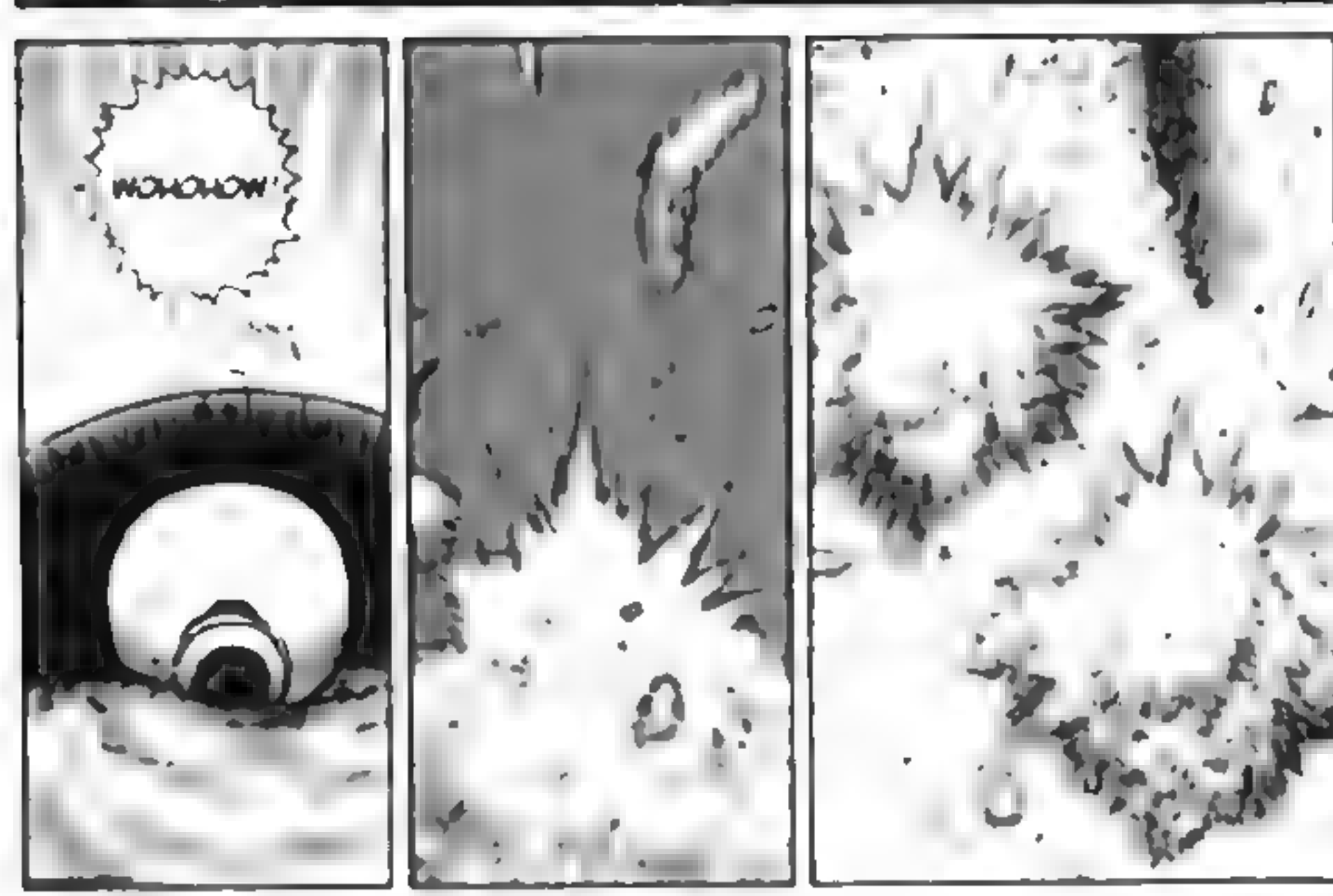
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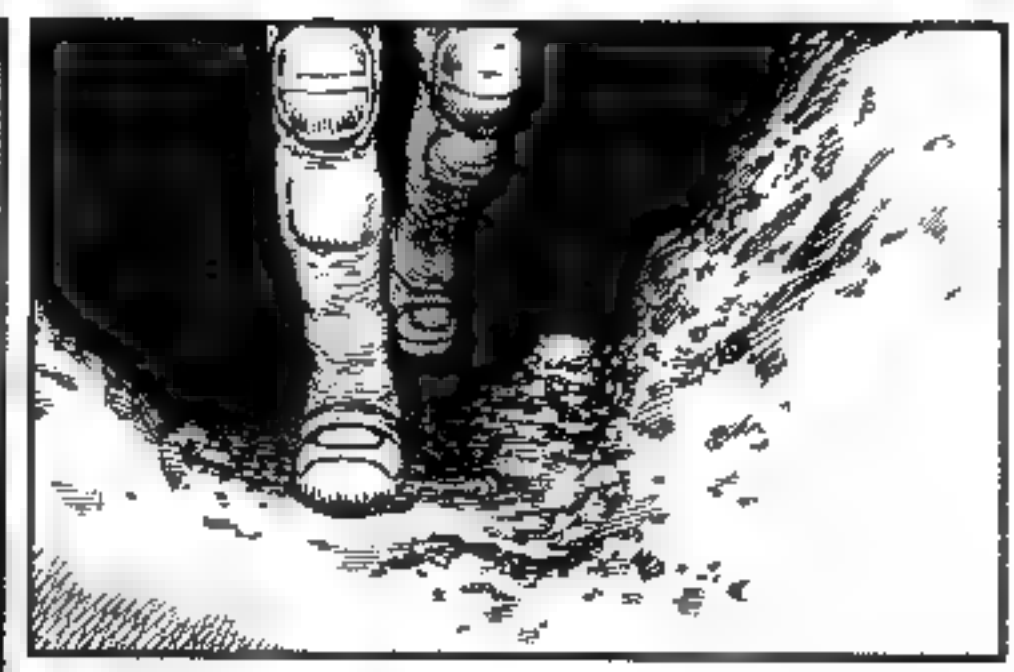
OUPS, WRONG WAY!



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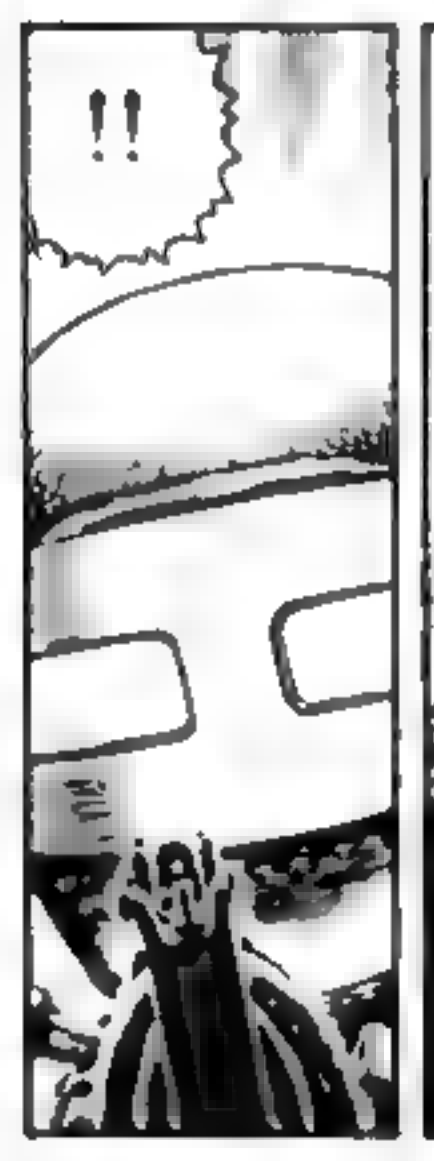
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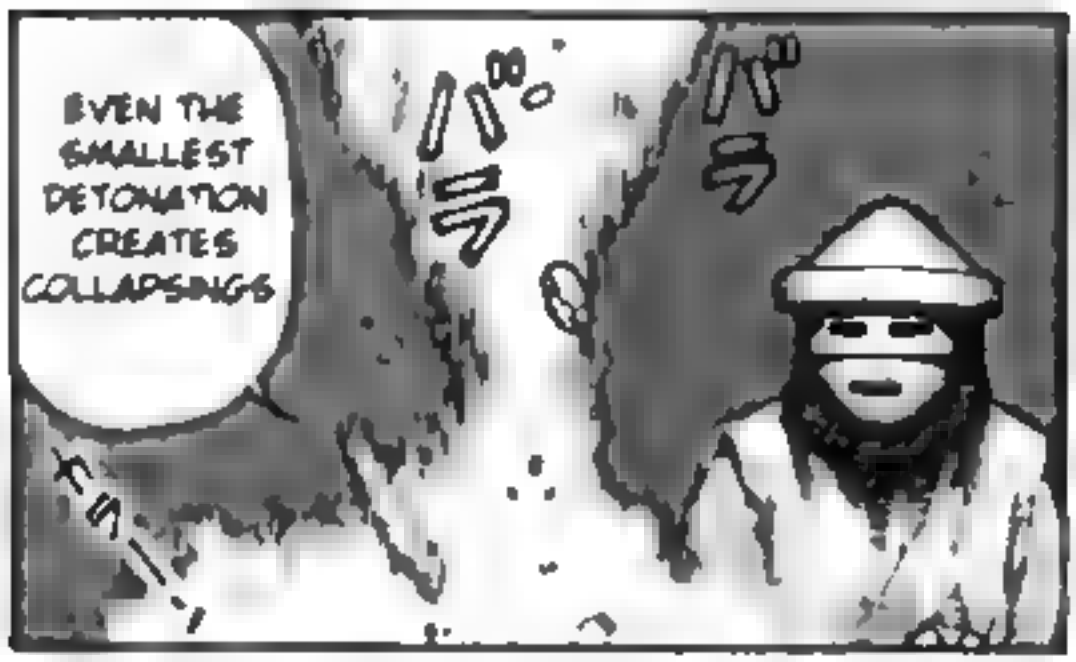
MY GOD!


EVEN THE SMALLEST DETONATION CREATES COLLAPSINGS
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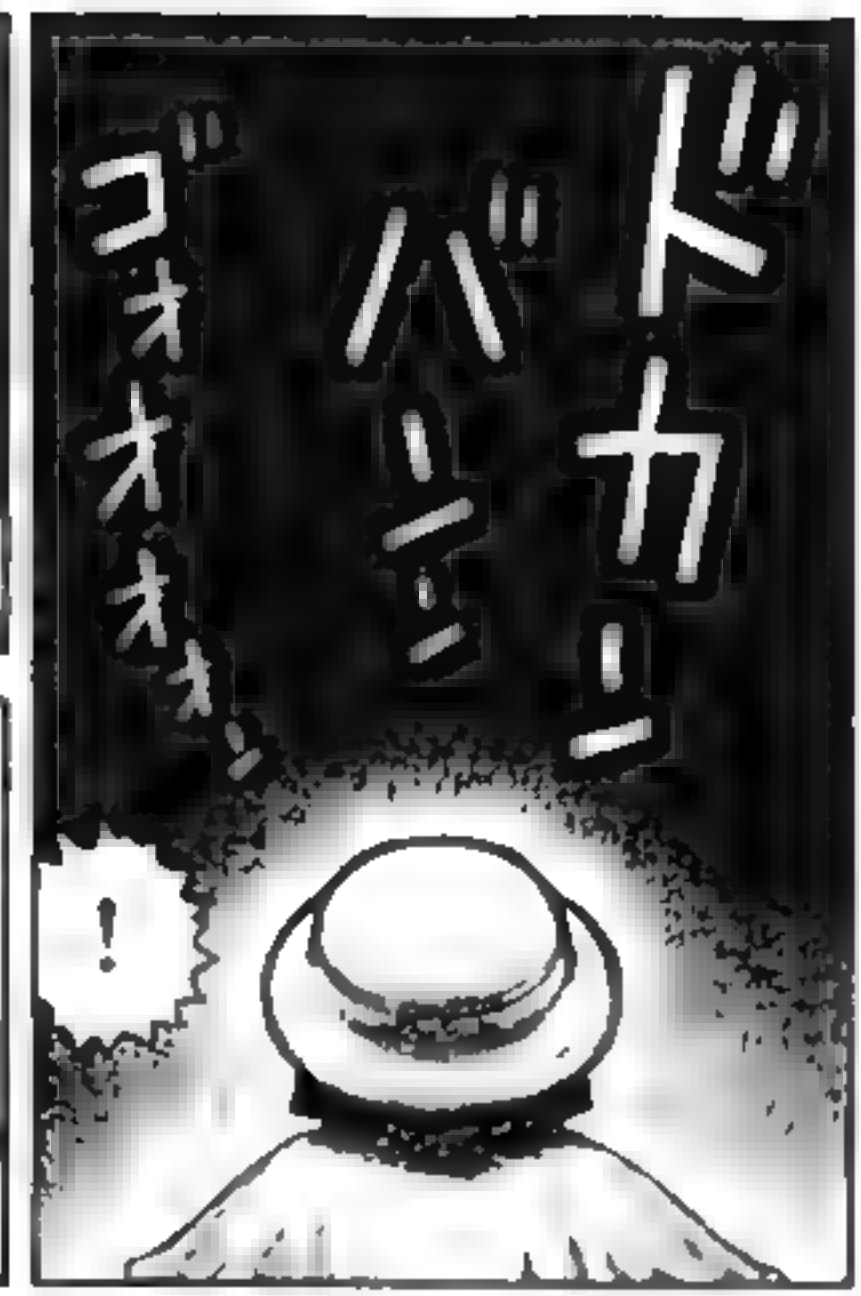
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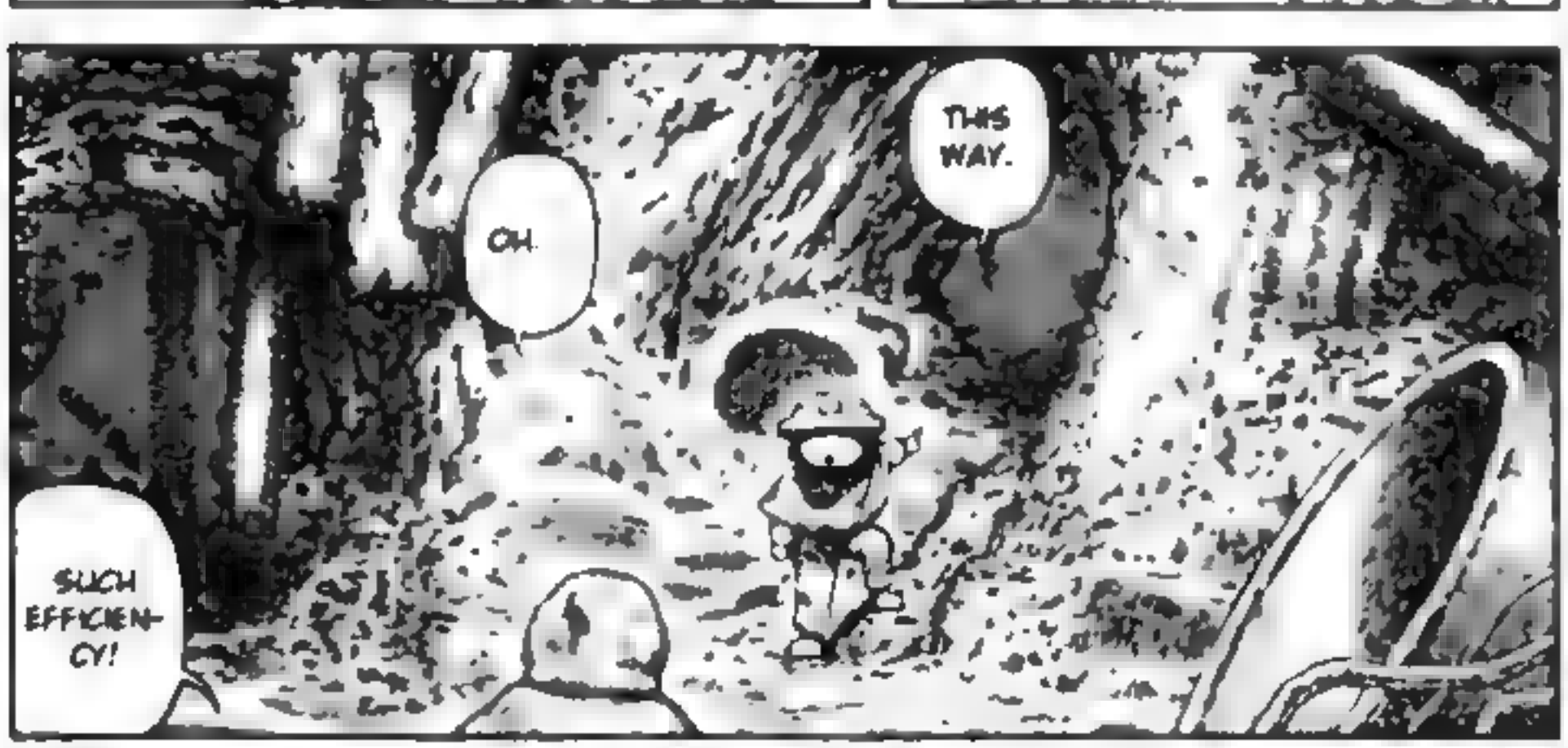
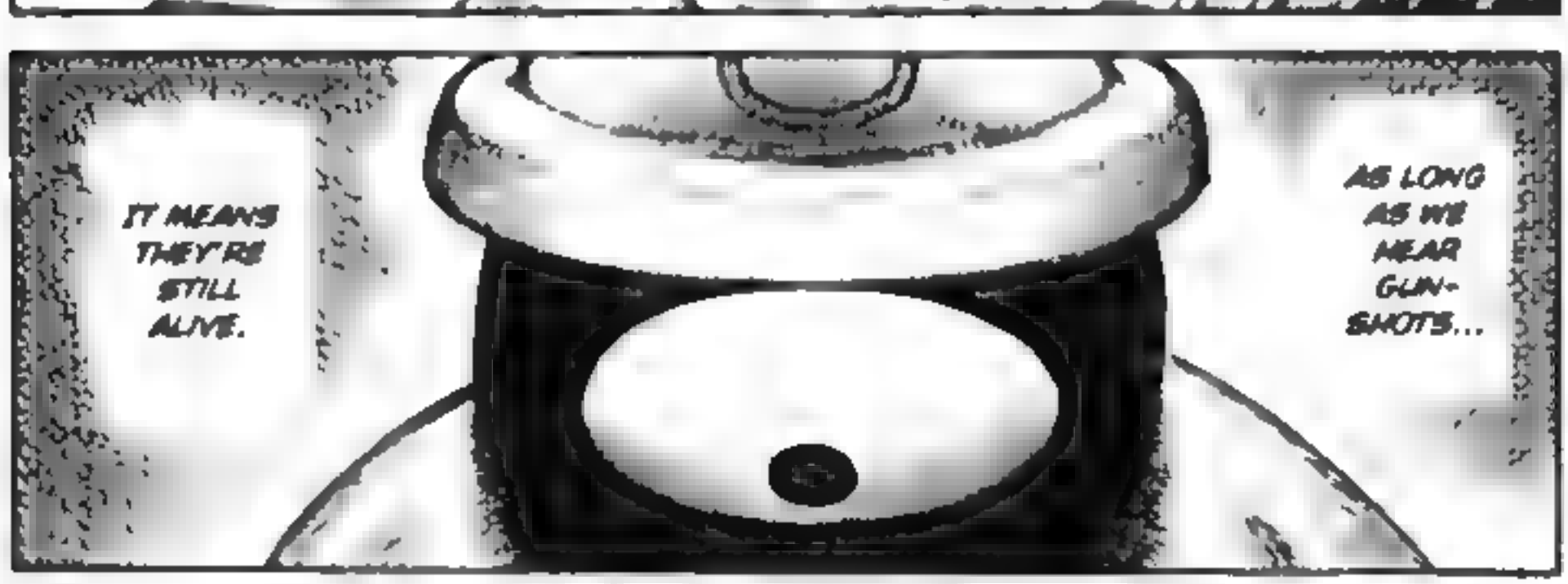
WE'VE GOT TO FIND THEM QUICKLY.


THIS WAY.
OH.
SUCH EFFICIENCY!


IT MEANS THEY'RE STILL ALIVE.
AS LONG AS WE HEAR GUN-SHOTS...

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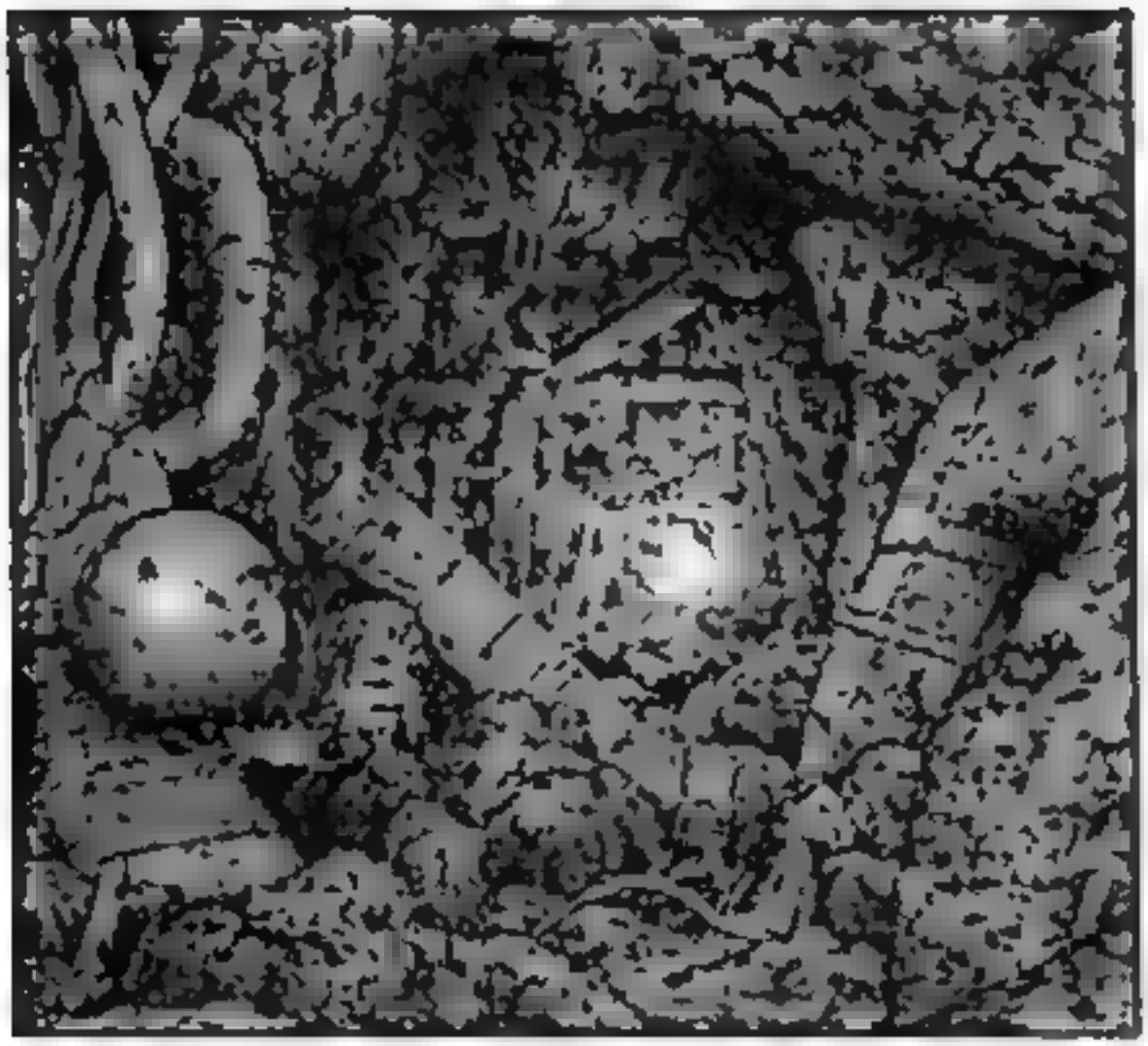
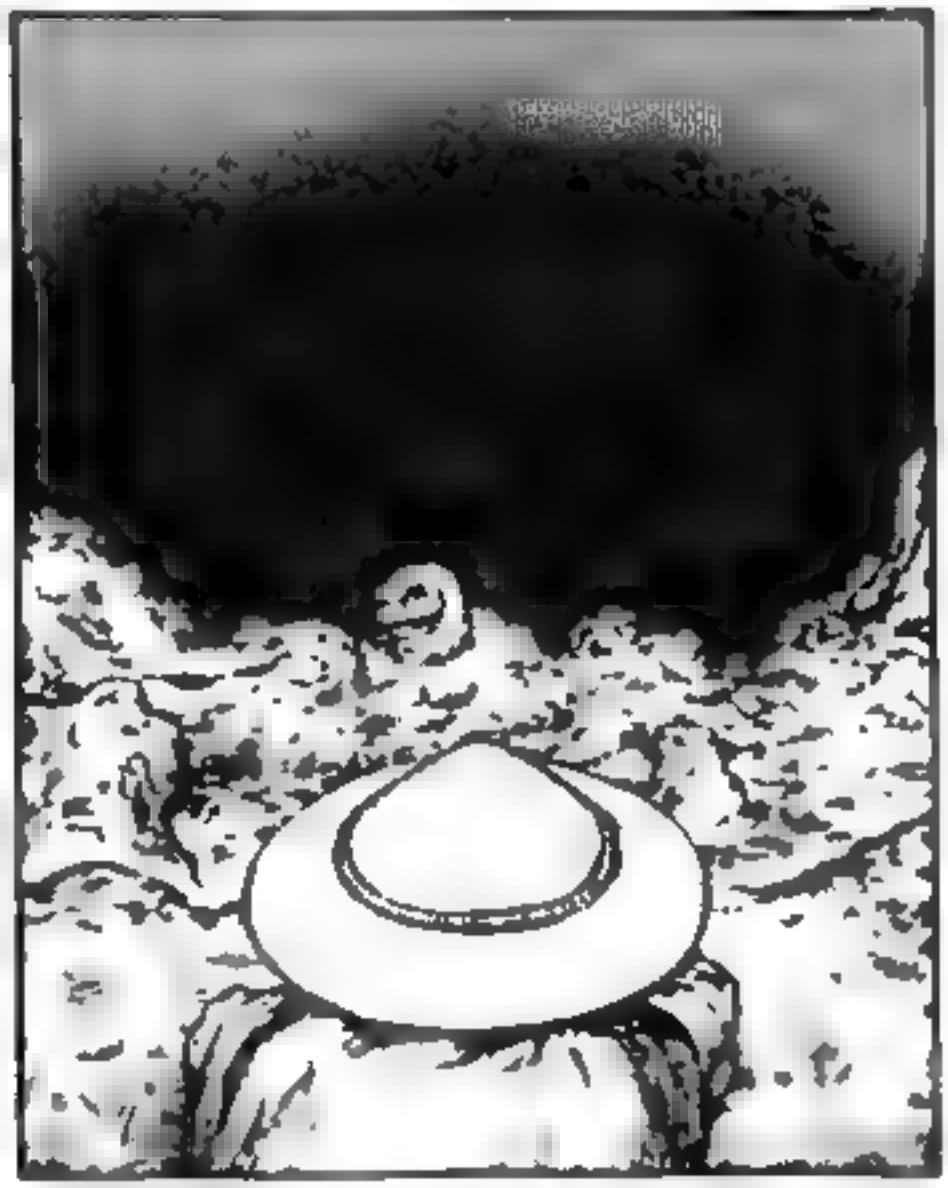
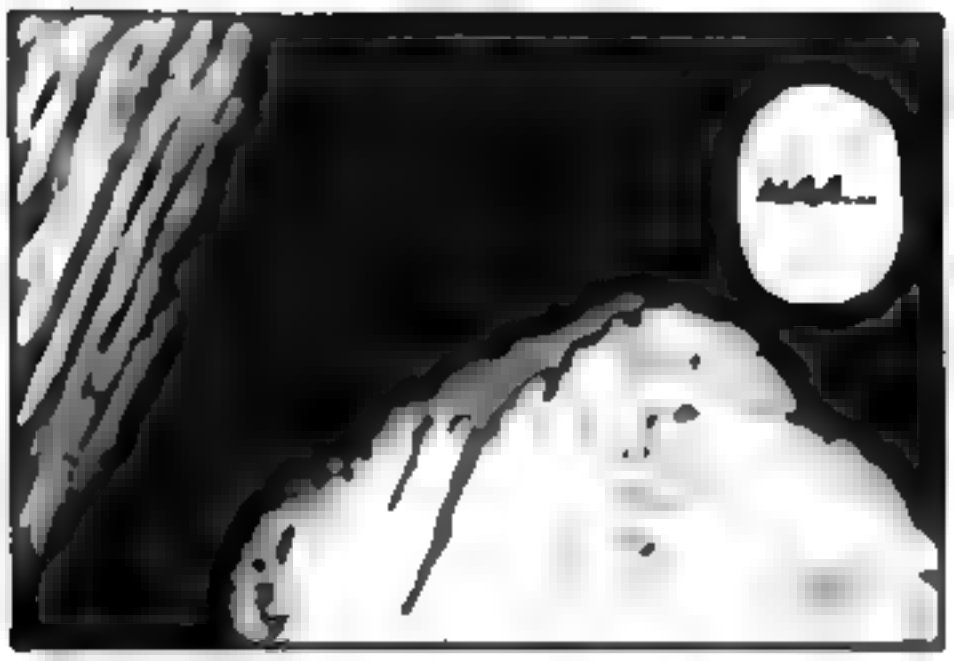


IF I HADN'T BEEN STOPPED THIS TIME, I WOULD'VE DIED.
RAH. IT'S THE SECOND TIME I FALL.

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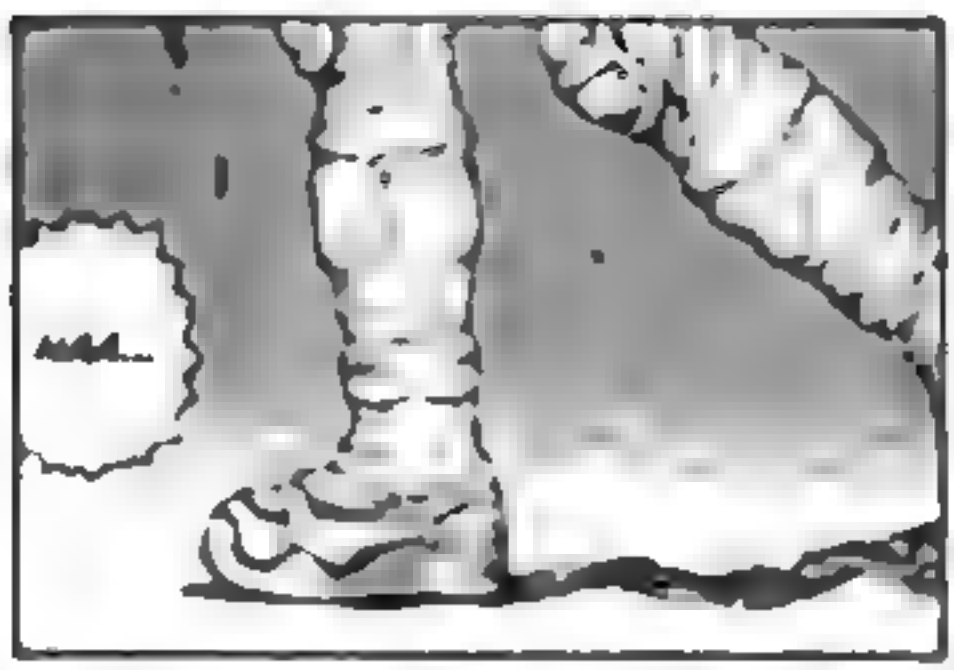
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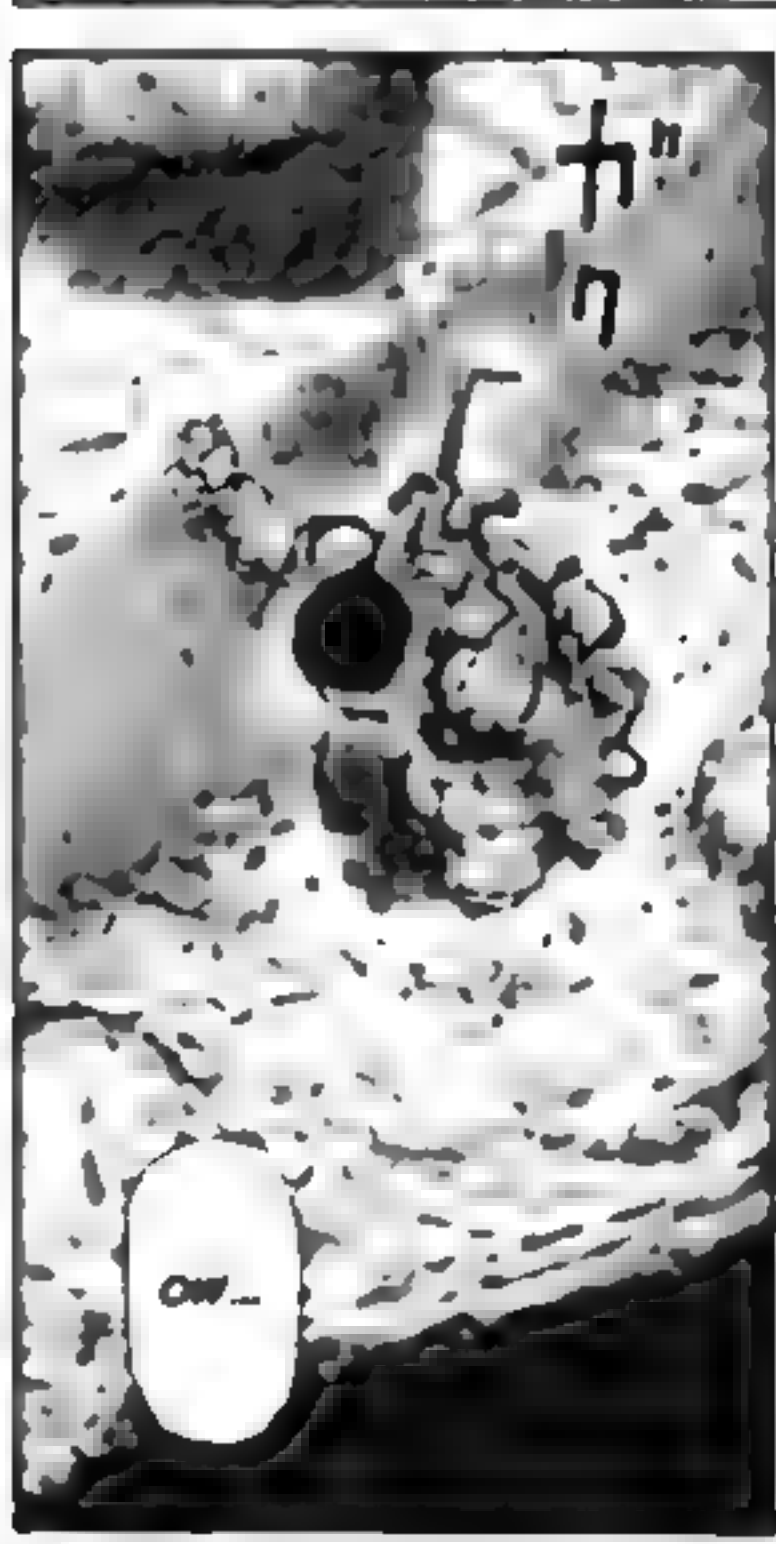
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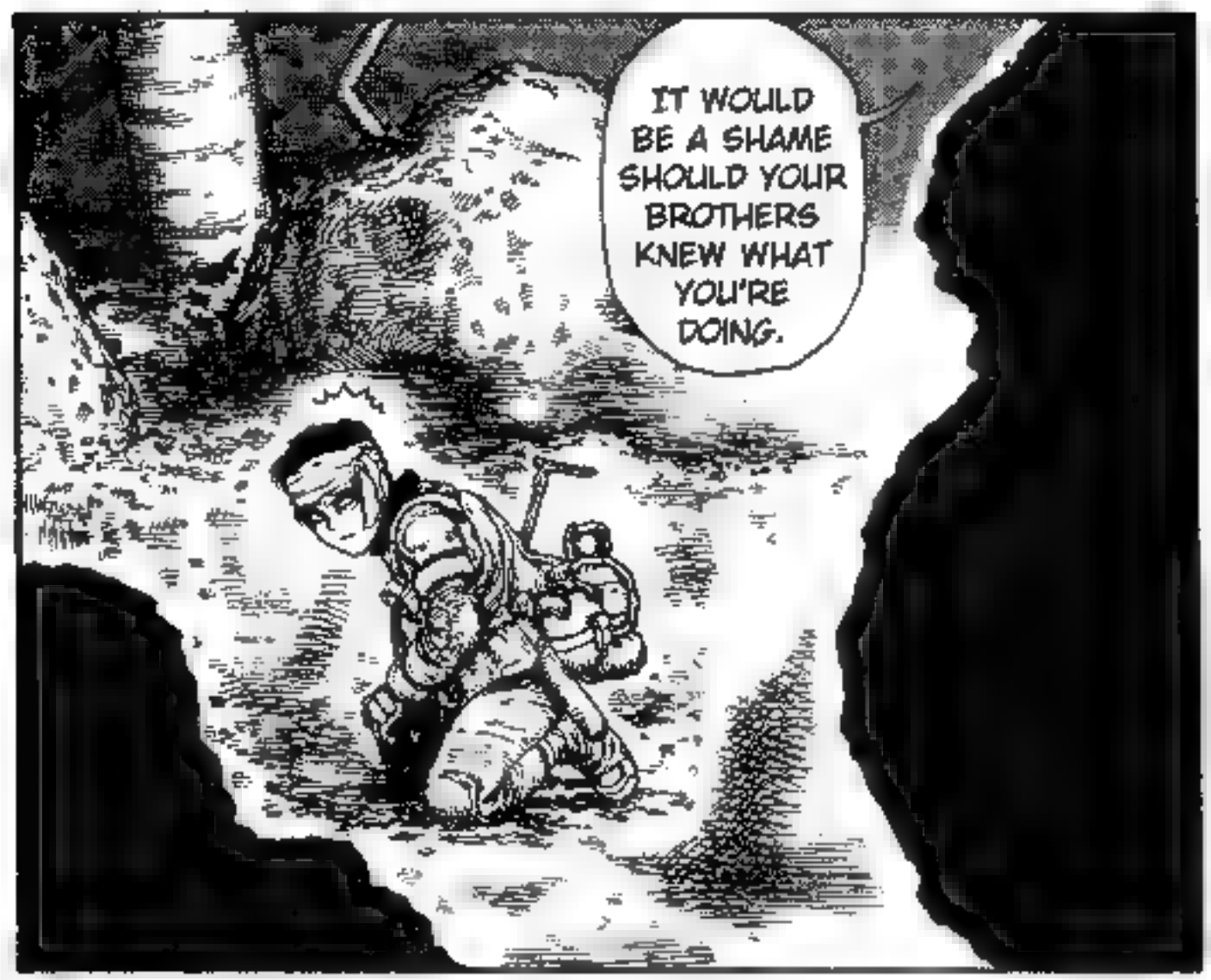
IT'S NOT OVER YET.

HE MUST STILL BE ALIVE.
HE'S NOT THE EASY TYPE.

I SUCK. TO BE HIT BY A BLIND SHOT...
DAMN, THE ADRENALINE AND MY HEAD-WOUND MAKE ME FEEL DIZZY.

ONE LIFE WON'T BE ENOUGH FOR YOU.
PFU...

DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO BRING HIM BACK ALIVE.
NATSUKO...


IT WOULD BE A SHAME SHOULD YOUR BROTHERS KNEW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

IF YOU ASK THEM, THEY'D BE READY TO WALK INTO THE LION'S DEN...
THOSE FUCKERS.
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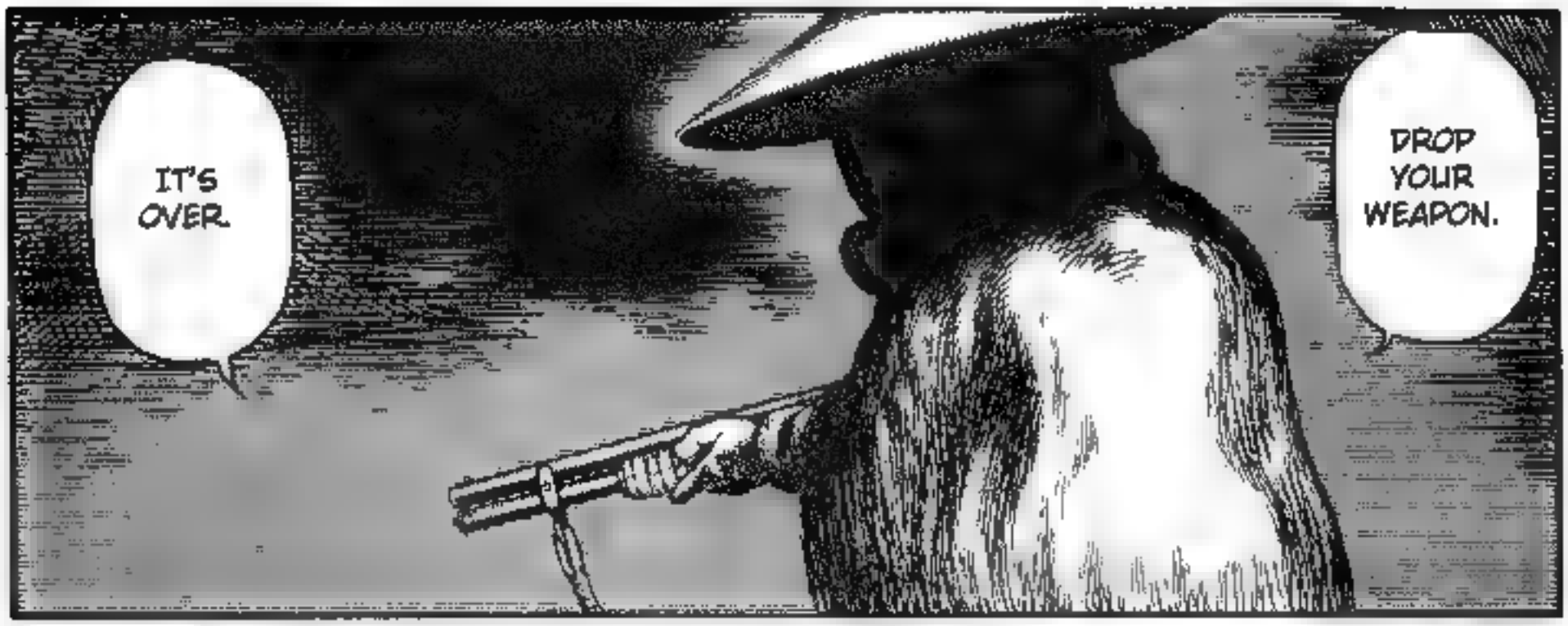
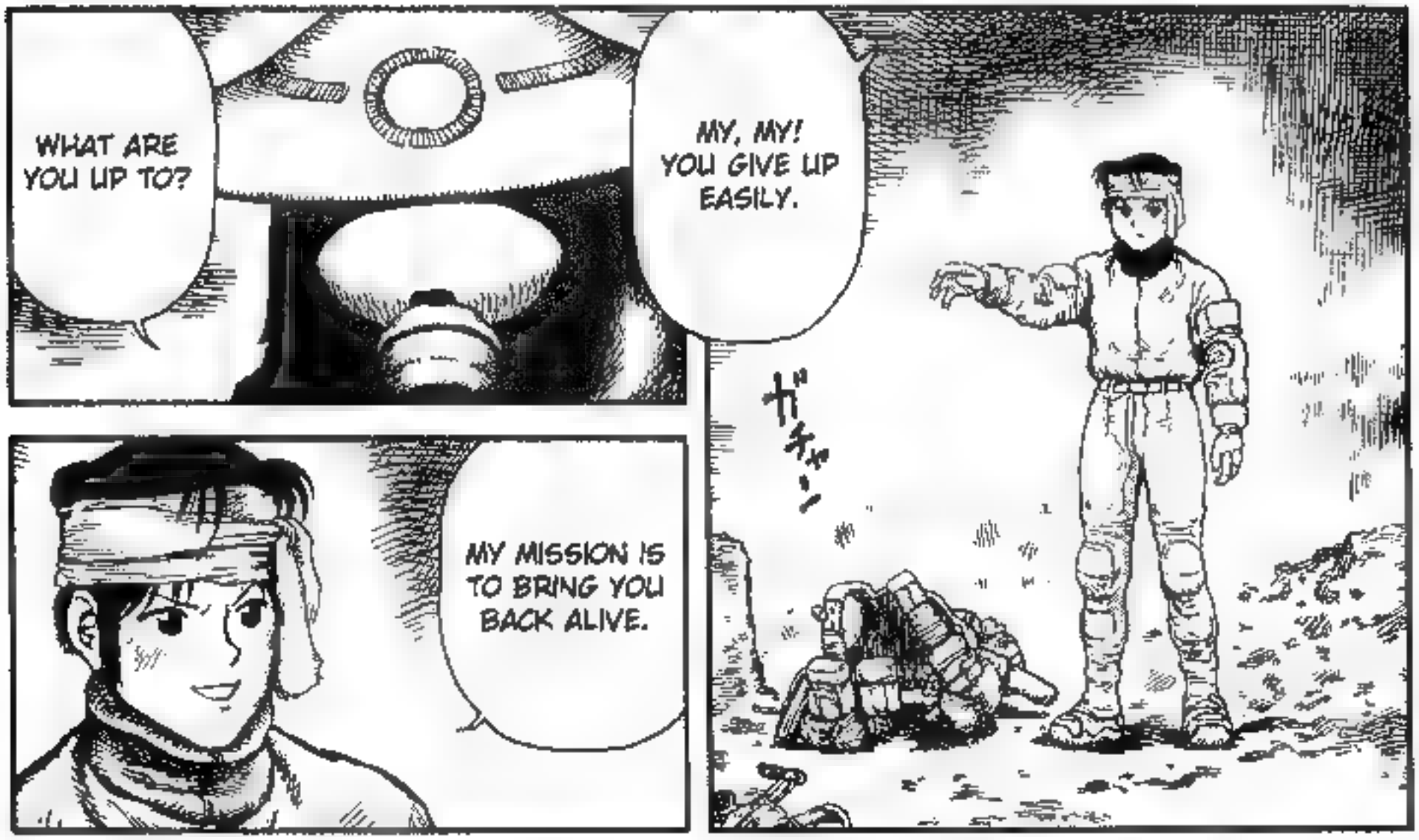
NO! YOU WANT TO SPARE THOSE CLOSE TO YOU?

DEEP INSIDE, YOU'RE STILL A LITTLE GIRL.
YOU'RE A GOOD FIGHTER, BUT...

THEY DON'T WANT TO JOIN YOUR GROUP?


IT'S OVER.
DROP YOUR WEAPON.


WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
MY, MY! YOU GIVE UP EASILY.
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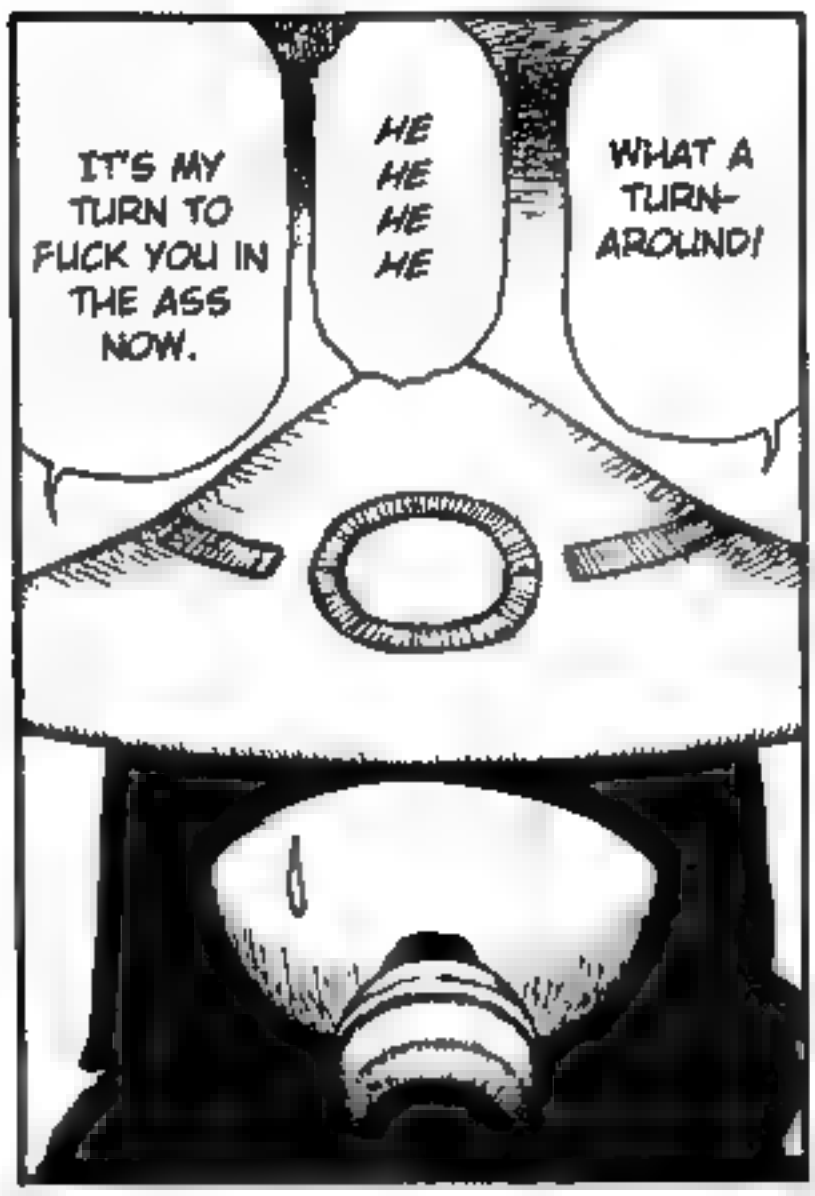
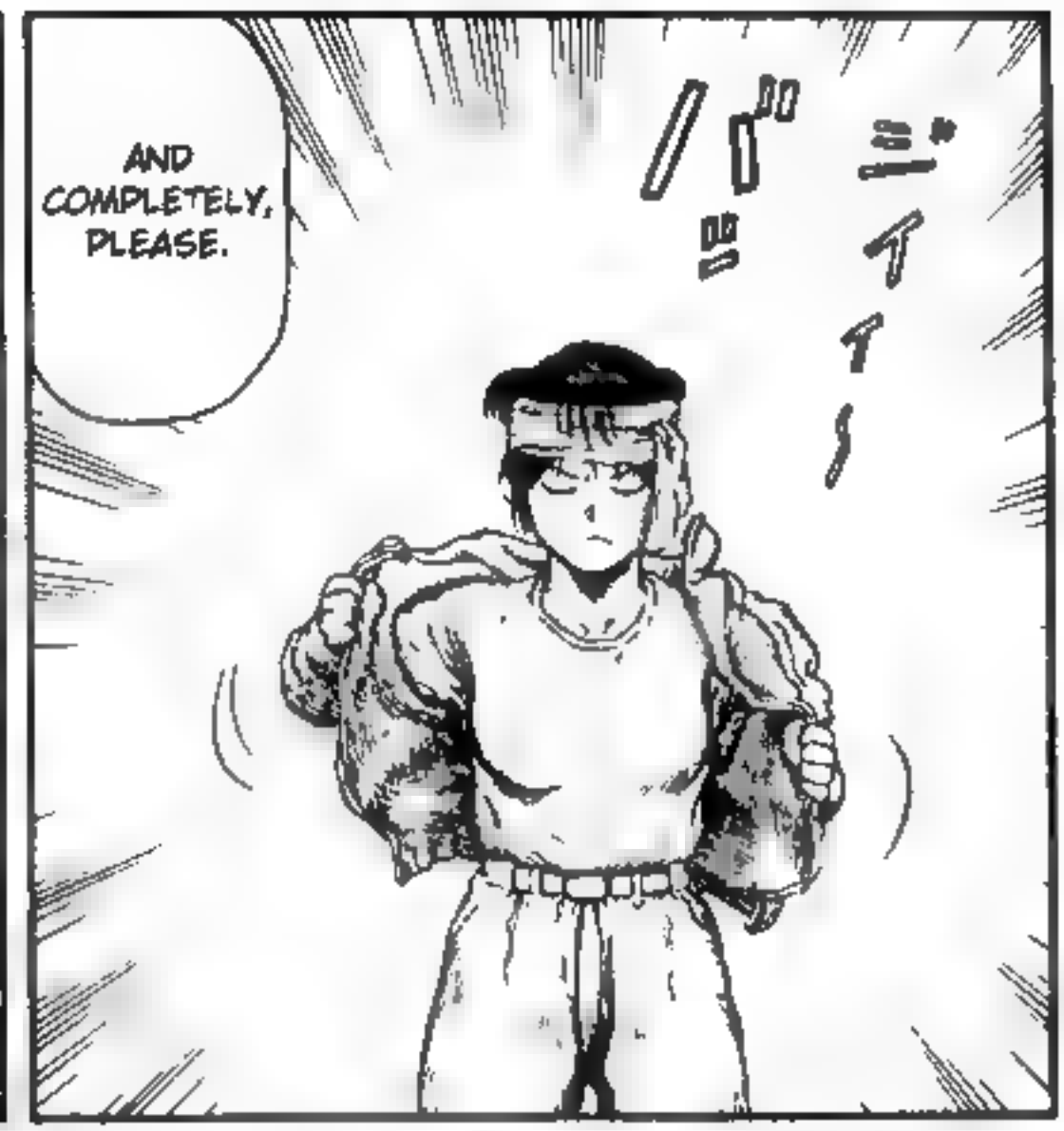
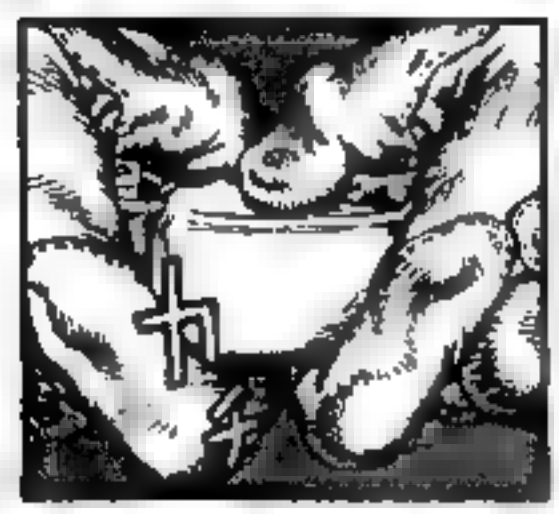
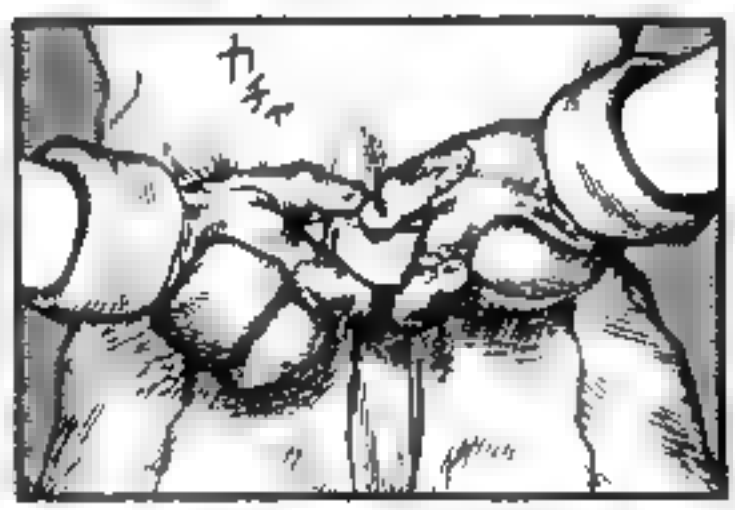
MY MISSION IS TO BRING YOU BACK ALIVE.

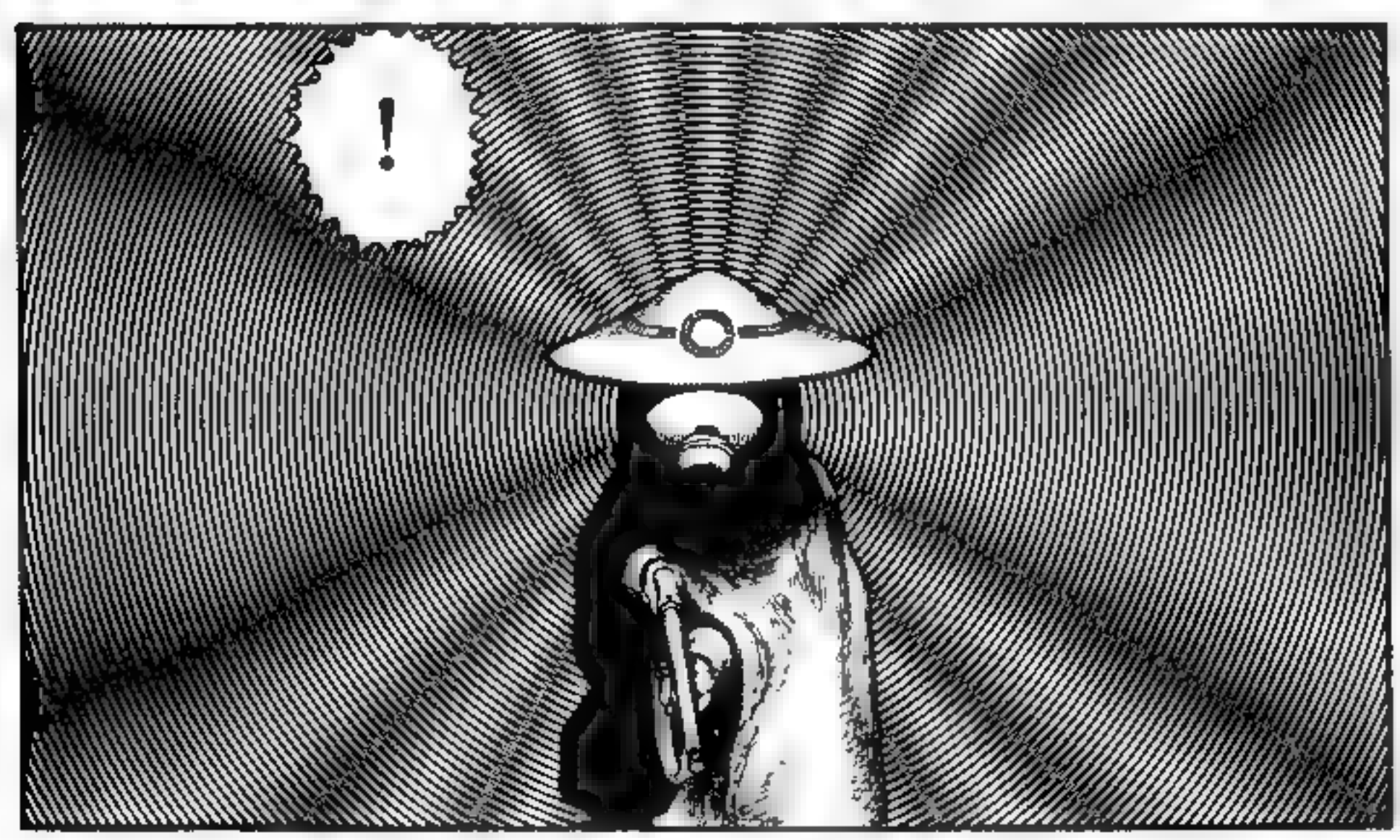
WILL YOU UNDRESS NOW...
DON'T WORRY. I KEEP MY EYES PEELED.
MISS SPECIAL AGENT.
TCH...
PFU! YOU DID A POOR JOB UP UNTIL NOW.


IT'S MY TURN TO FUCK YOU IN THE ASS NOW.
HE HE HE HE
WHAT A TURN-AROUND!


AND COMPLETELY, PLEASE.



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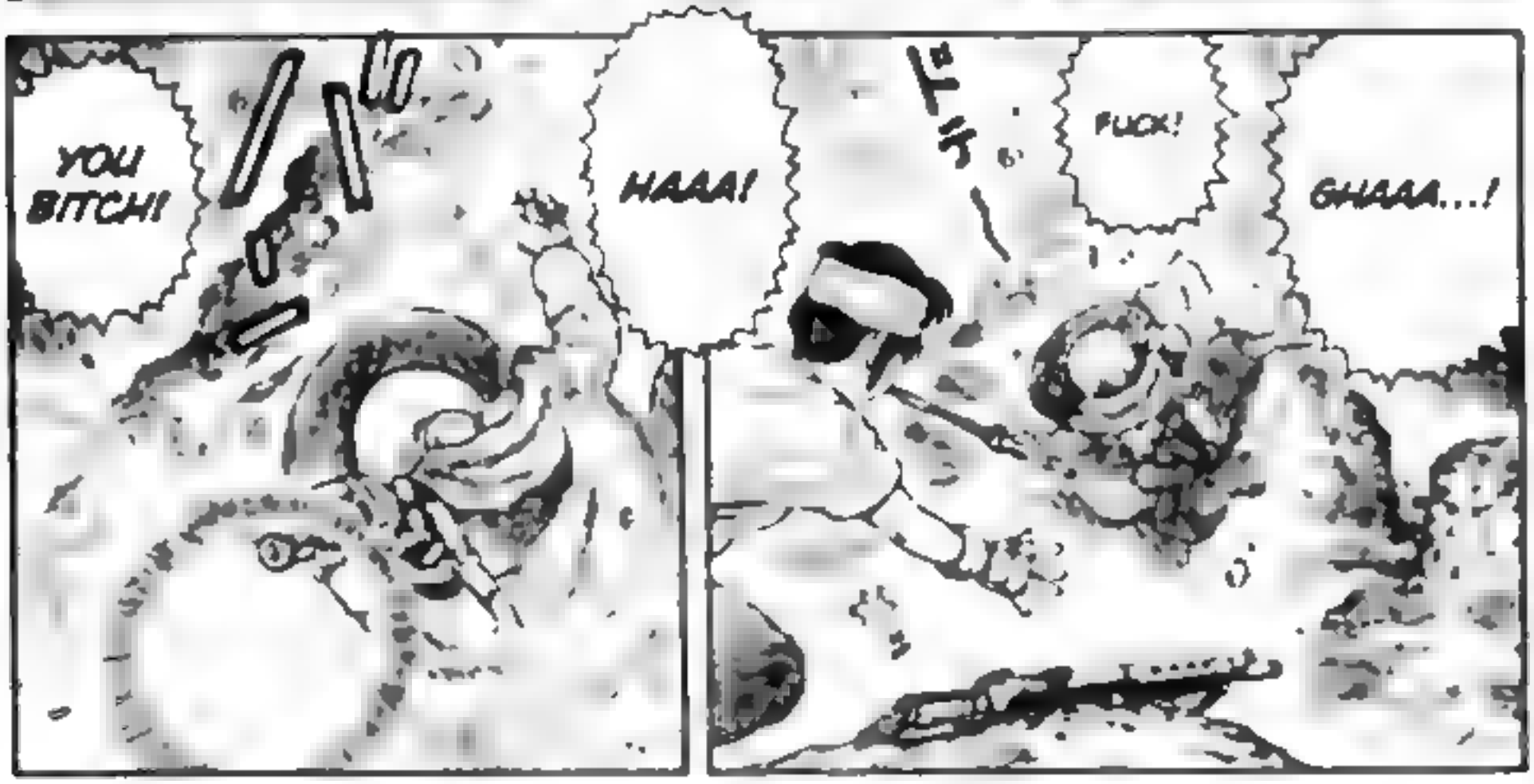
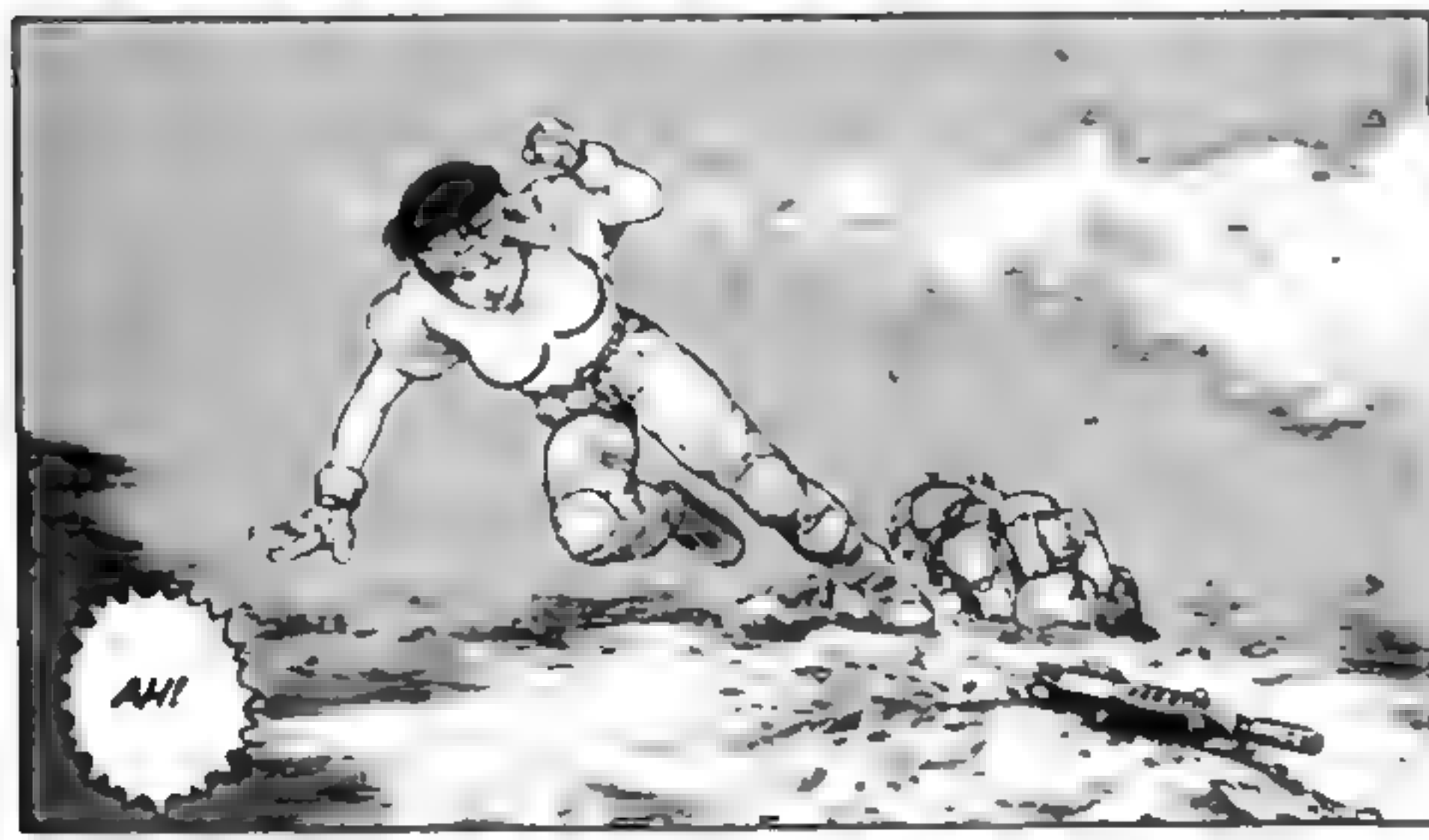

YOU BITCH!
HAAA!
FUCK!
GHAAA...!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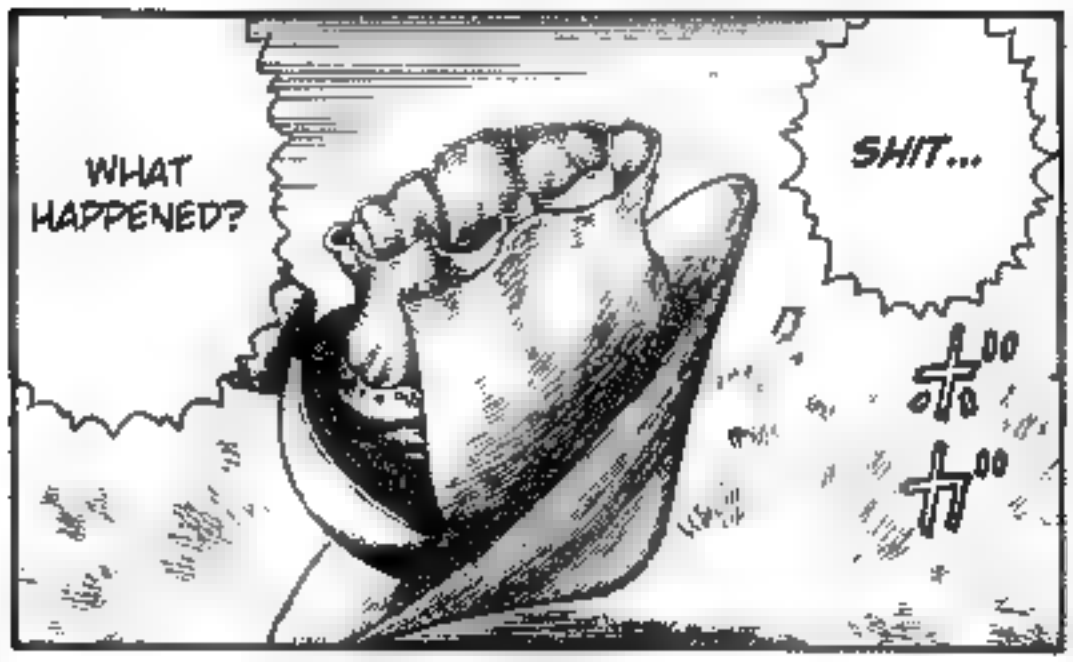
WHAT HAPPENED?
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THAT OF A SECRET WEAPON.
IT'S OVER.
what was that noise just now?
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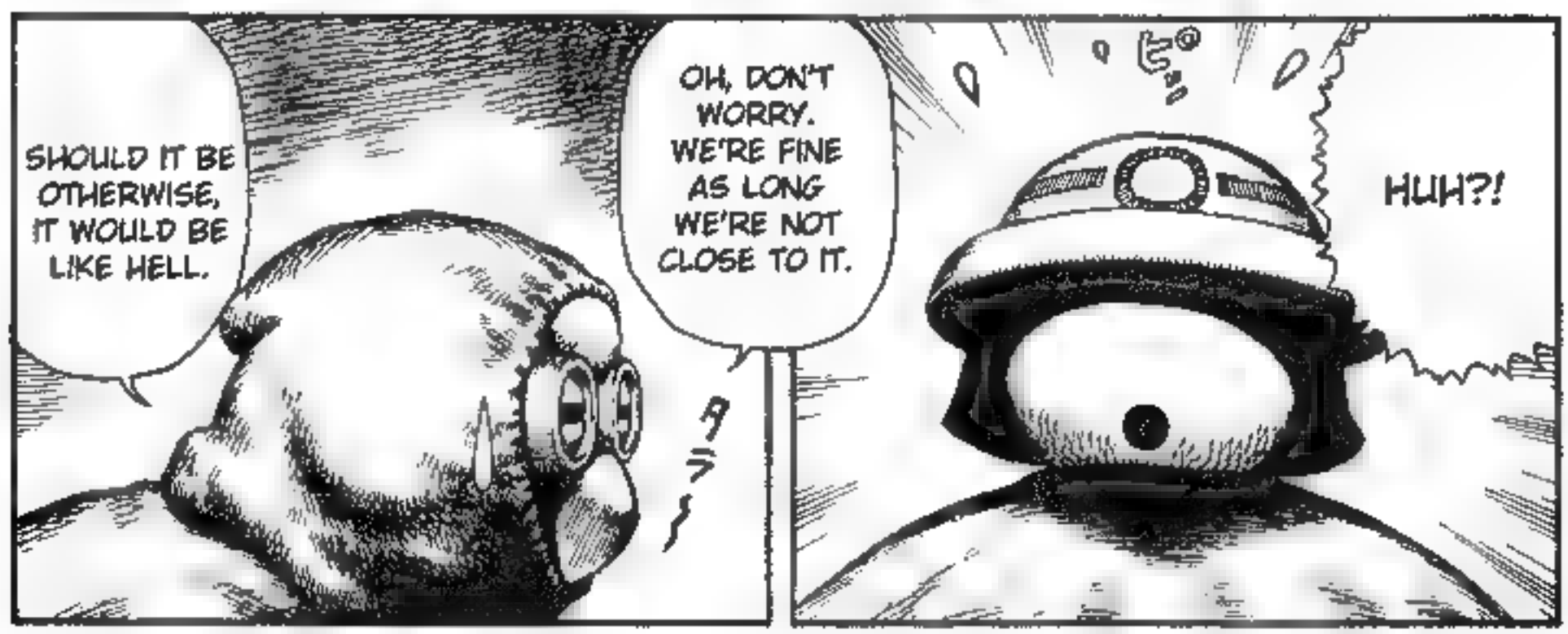
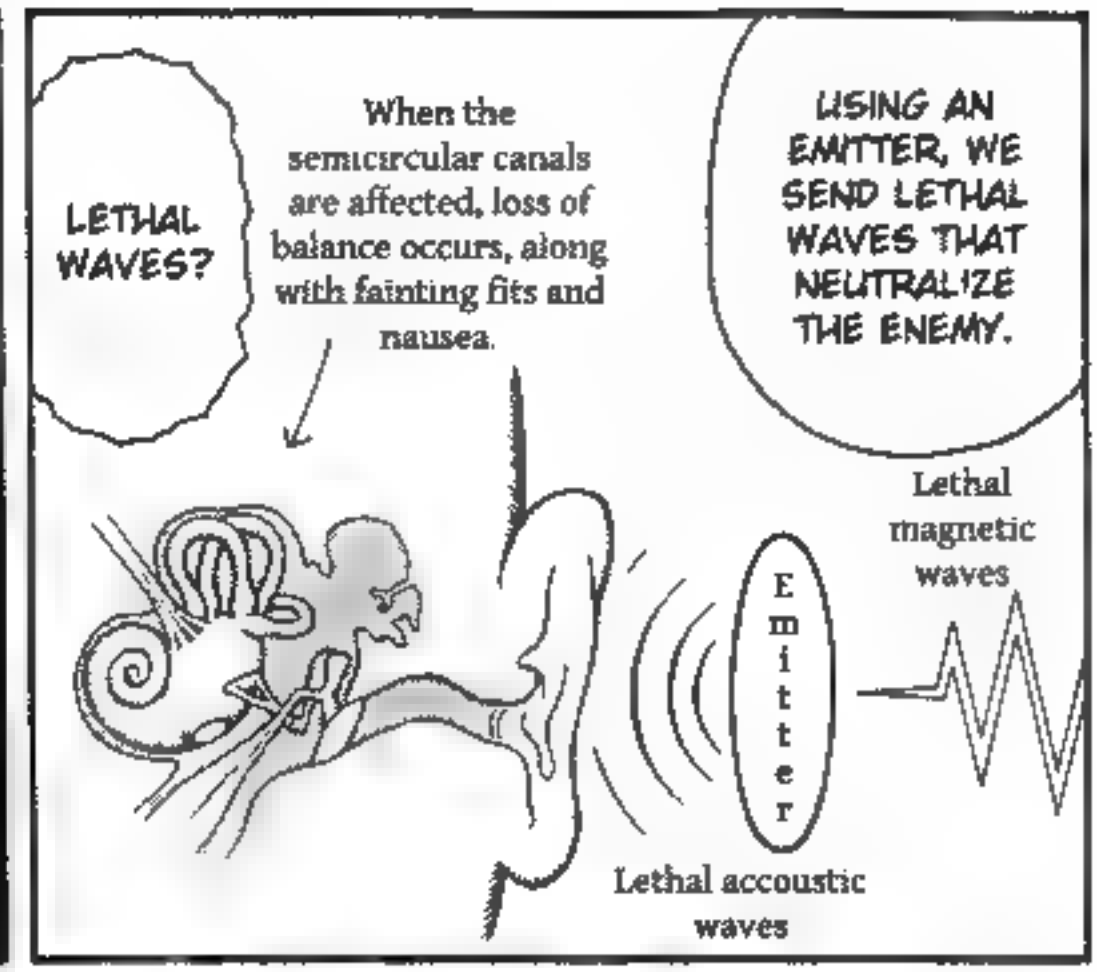

SHOULD IT BE OTHERWISE, IT WOULD BE LIKE HELL.
OH, DON'T WORRY. WE'RE FINE AS LONG WE'RE NOT CLOSE TO IT.
HUH?!



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OUCH...

THANKS FOR REFRESHING MY MEMORY.

OF WHEN WE WERE LITTLE.
HEHE! IT REMINDS ME...

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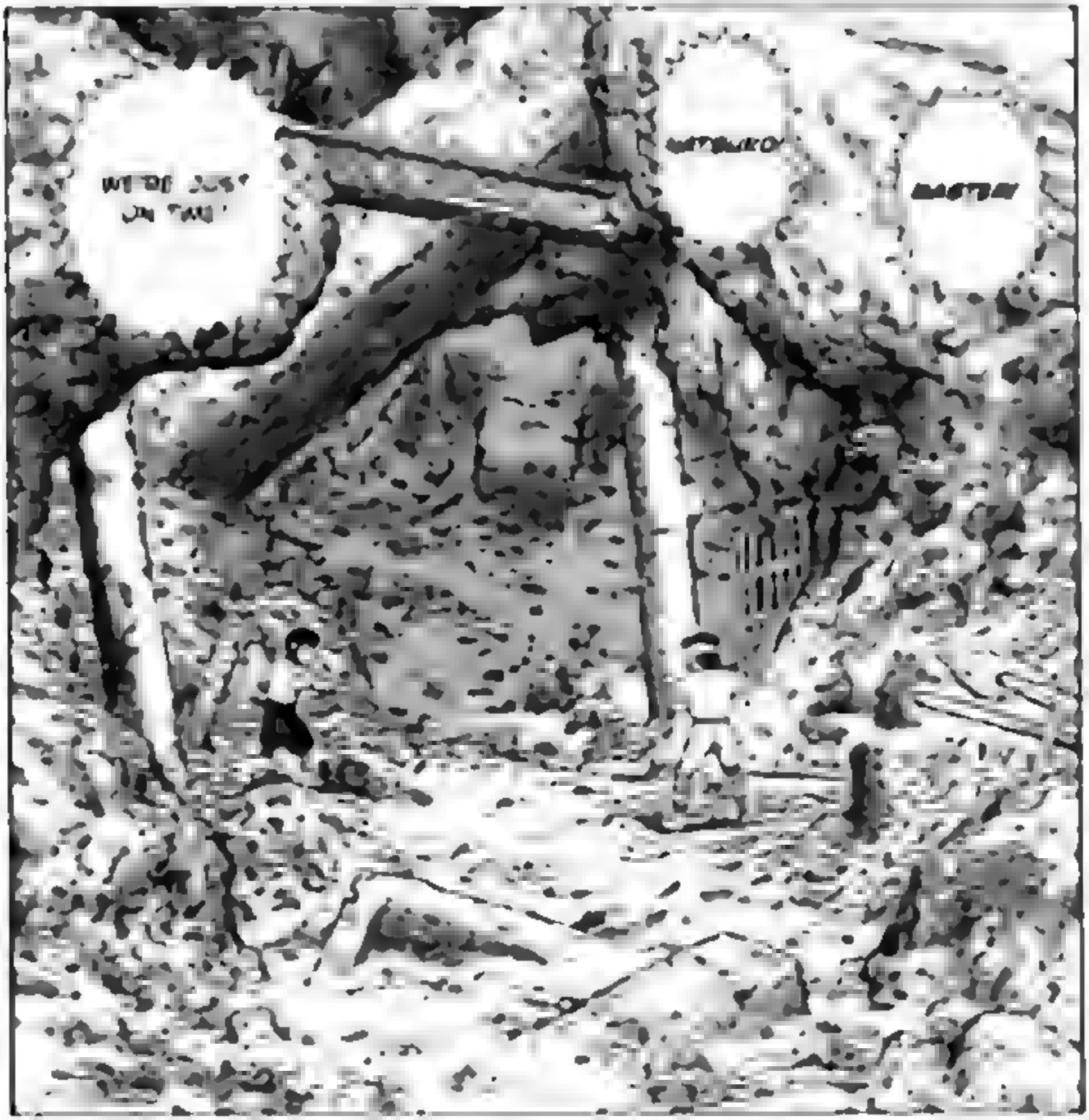
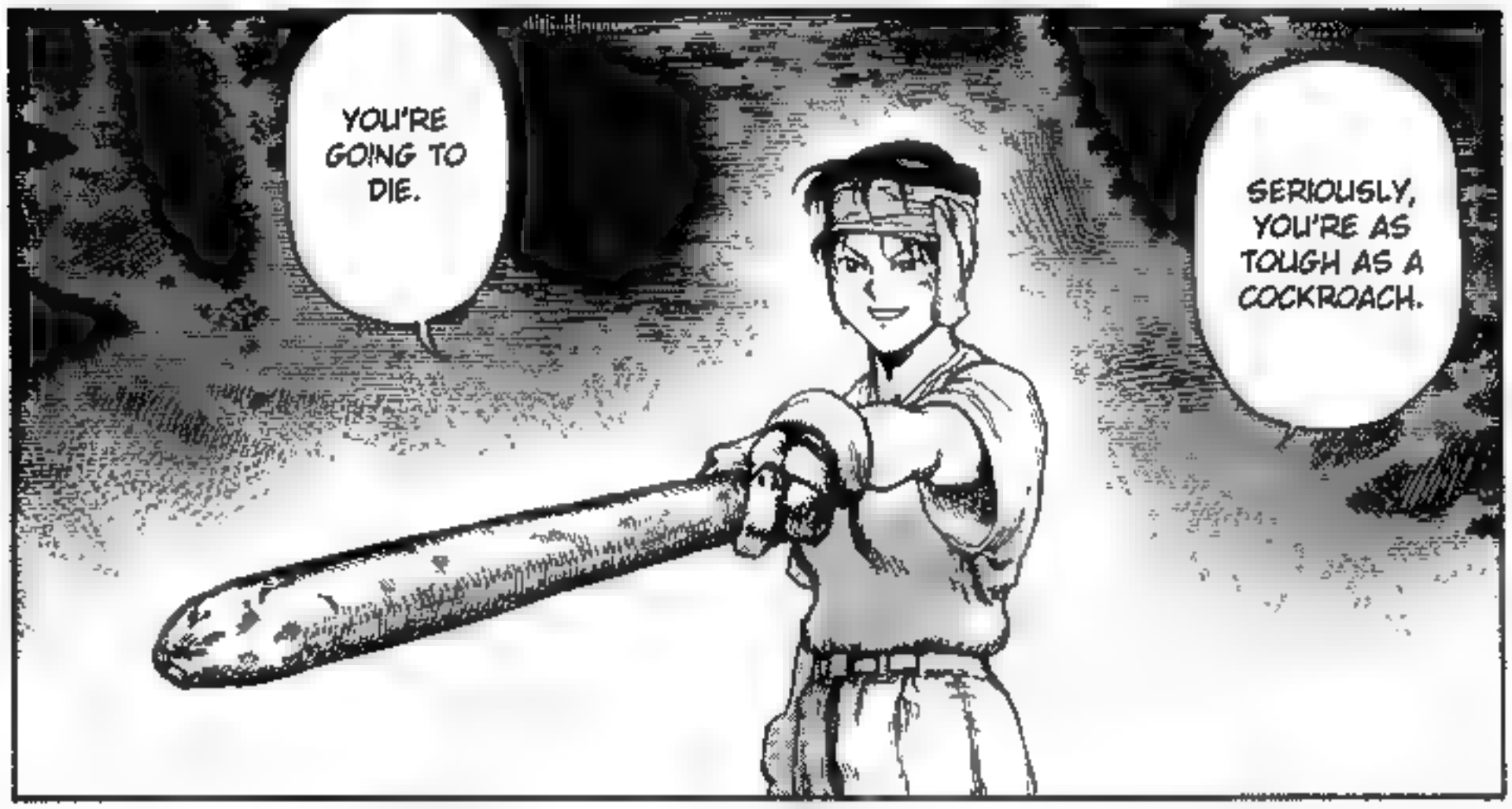
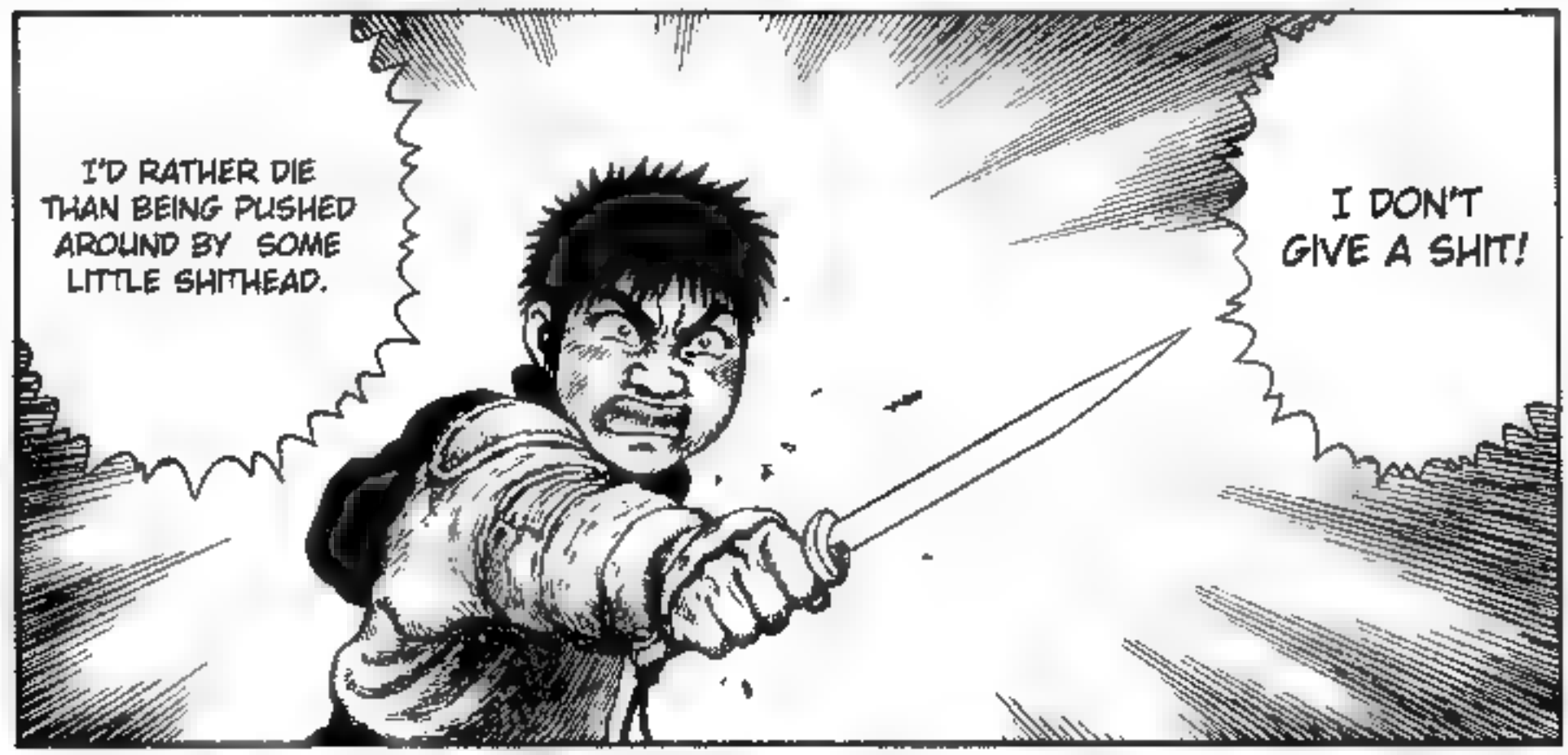



YOU'RE GOING TO DIE.
SERIOUSLY, YOU'RE AS TOUGH AS A COCKROACH.


I'D RATHER DIE THAN BEING PUSHED AROUND BY SOME LITTLE SHITHEAD.
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT!

AS YOU WISH.

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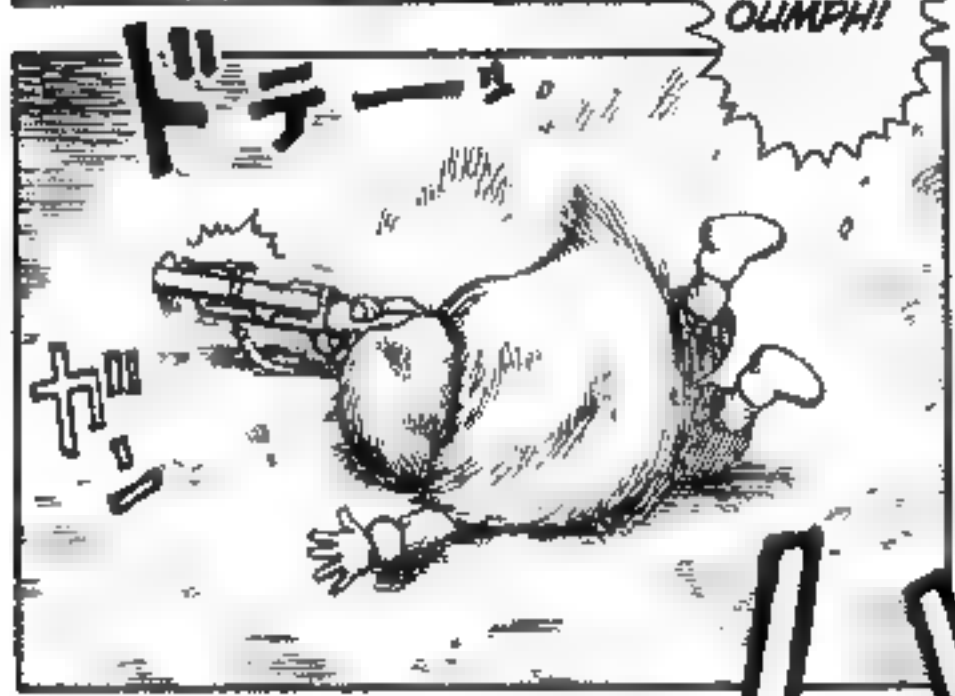
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THAT'S ENOUGH!
STOP! STOP!
WAH! HIS FACE IS ALL SWOLLEN
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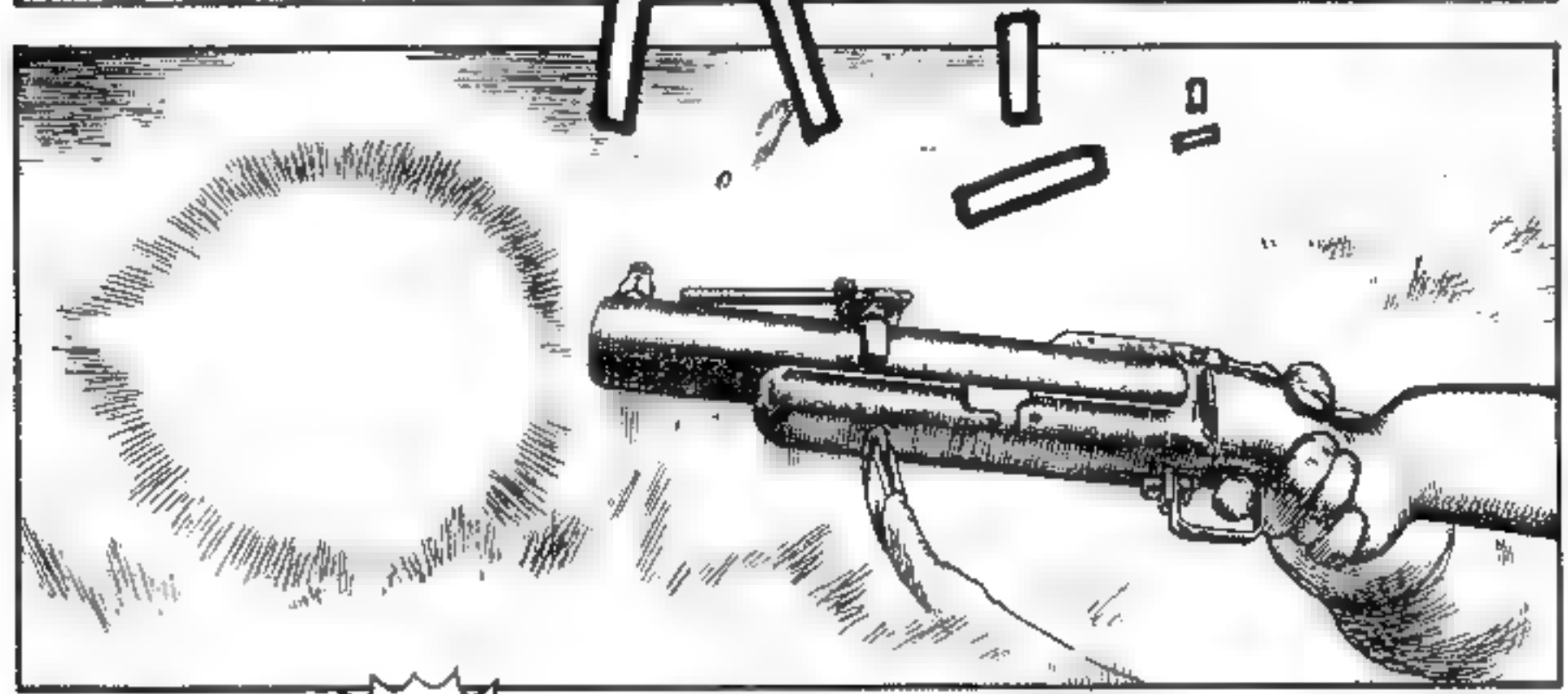

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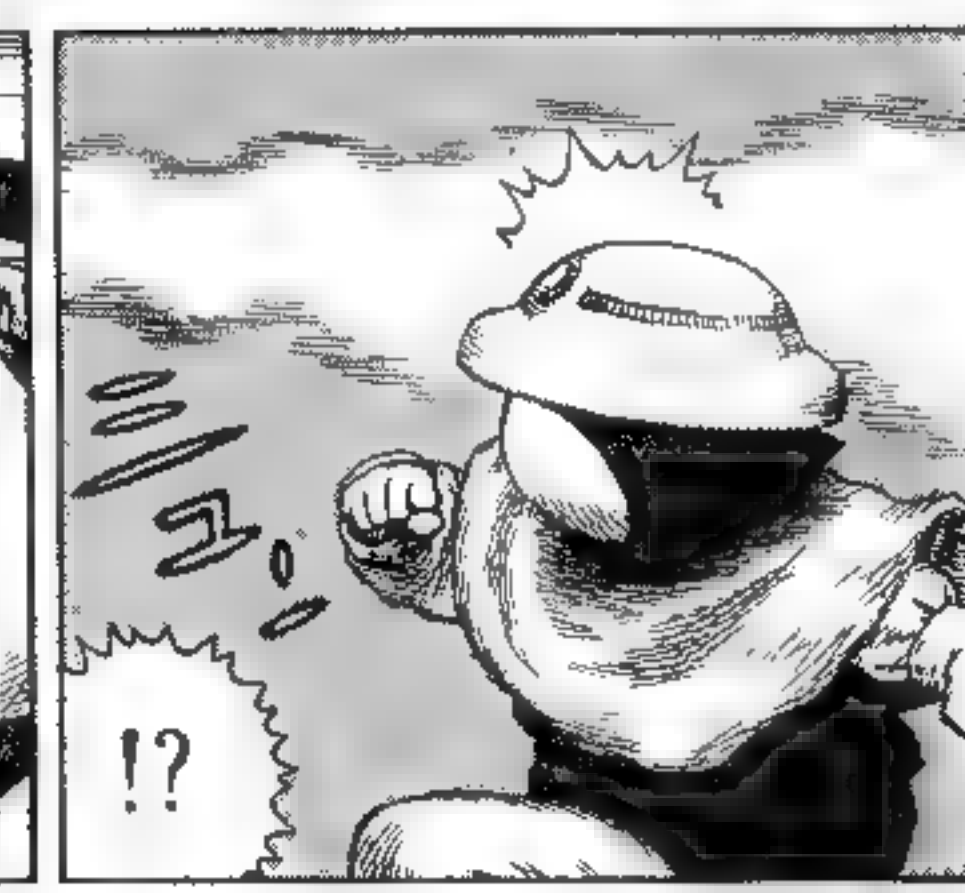
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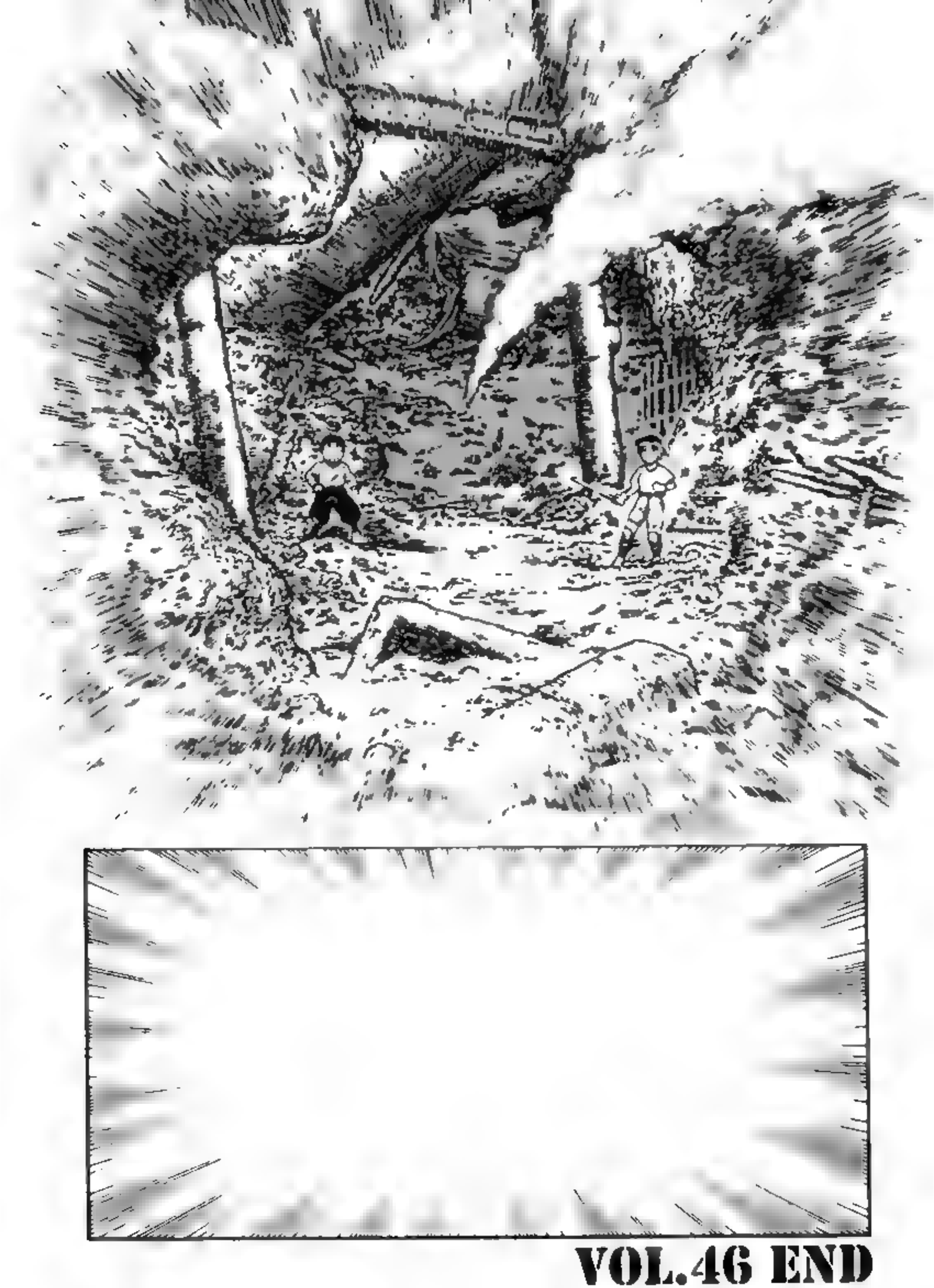

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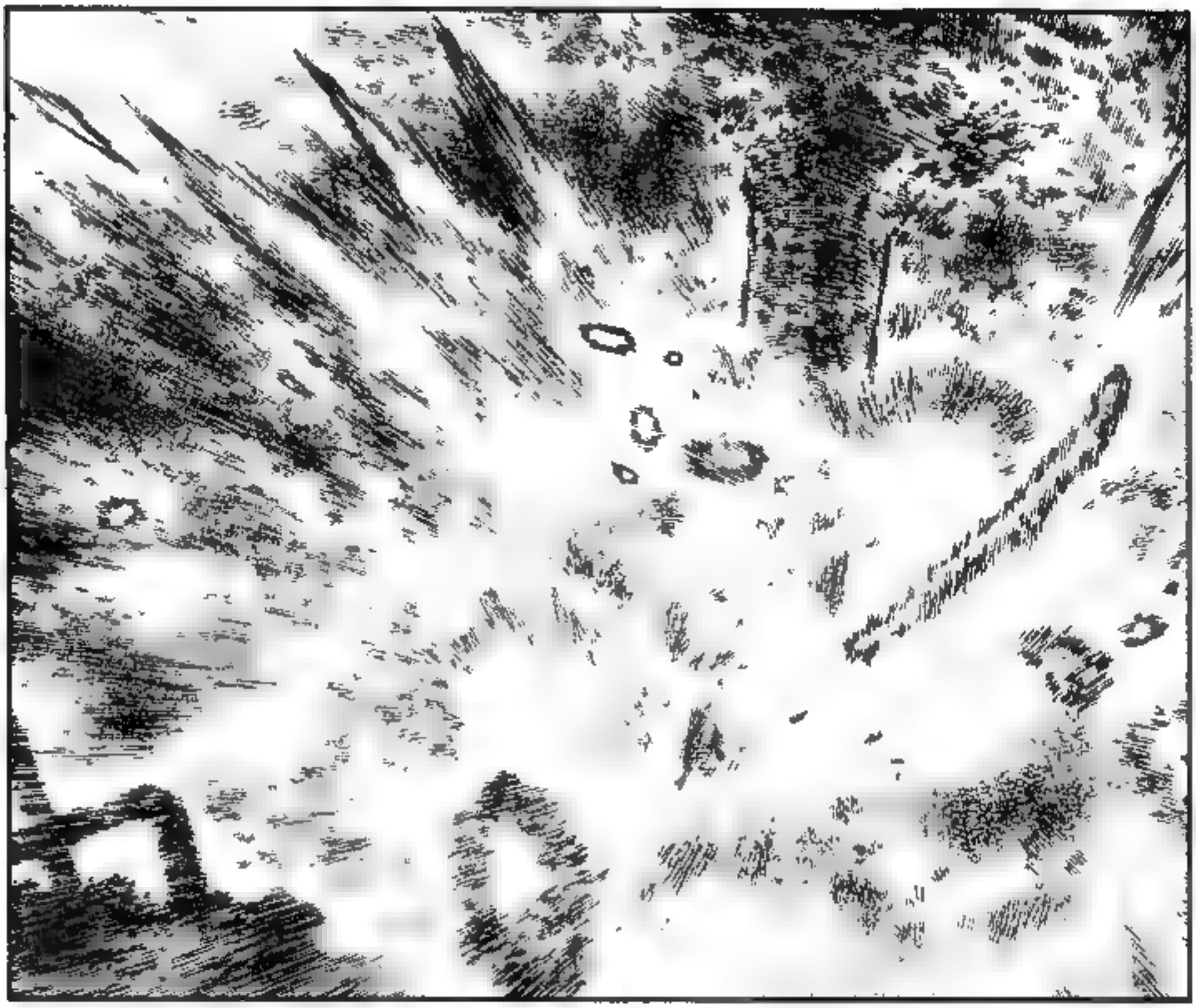

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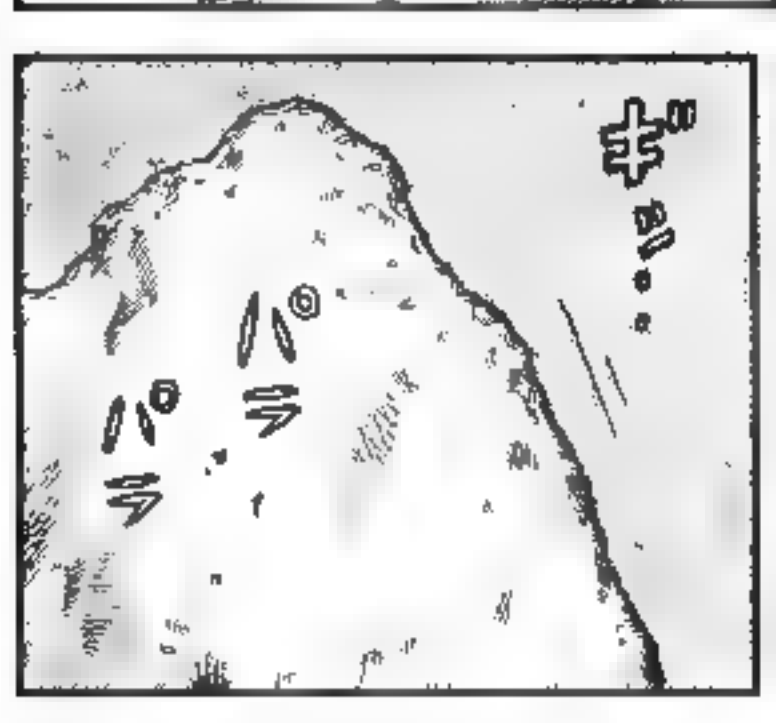
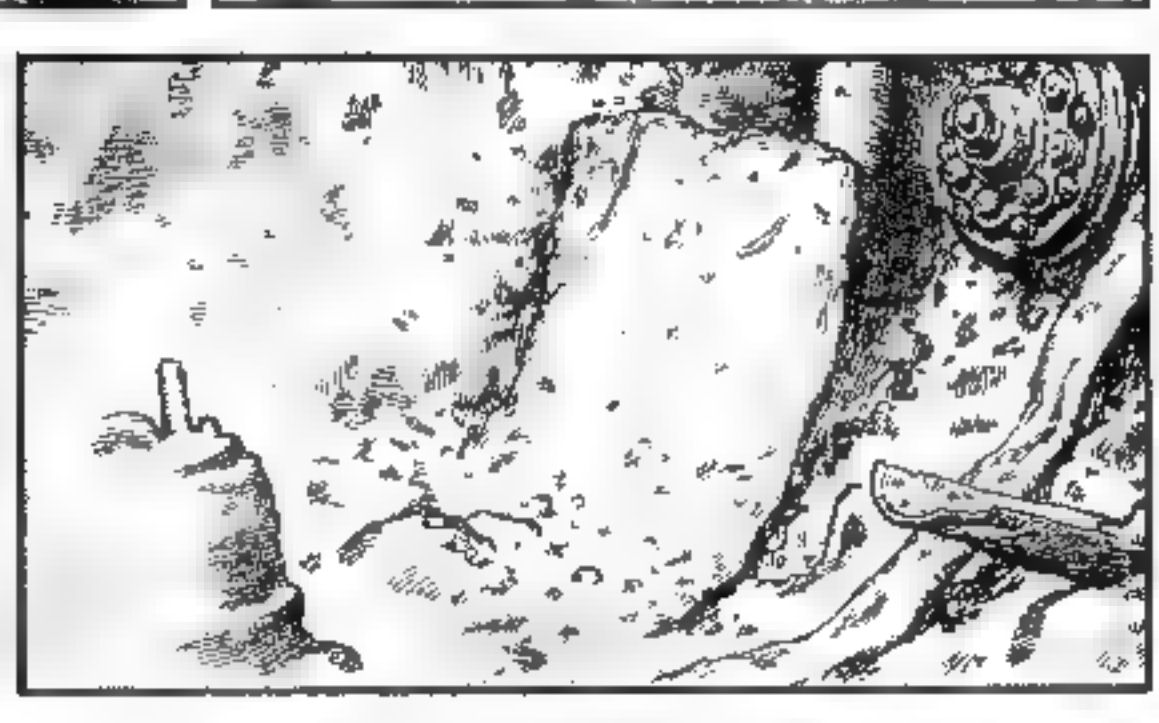
I FELL AND IT WENT OFF BY ITSELF.
YOU IDIOT!

OUPS...





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AH!
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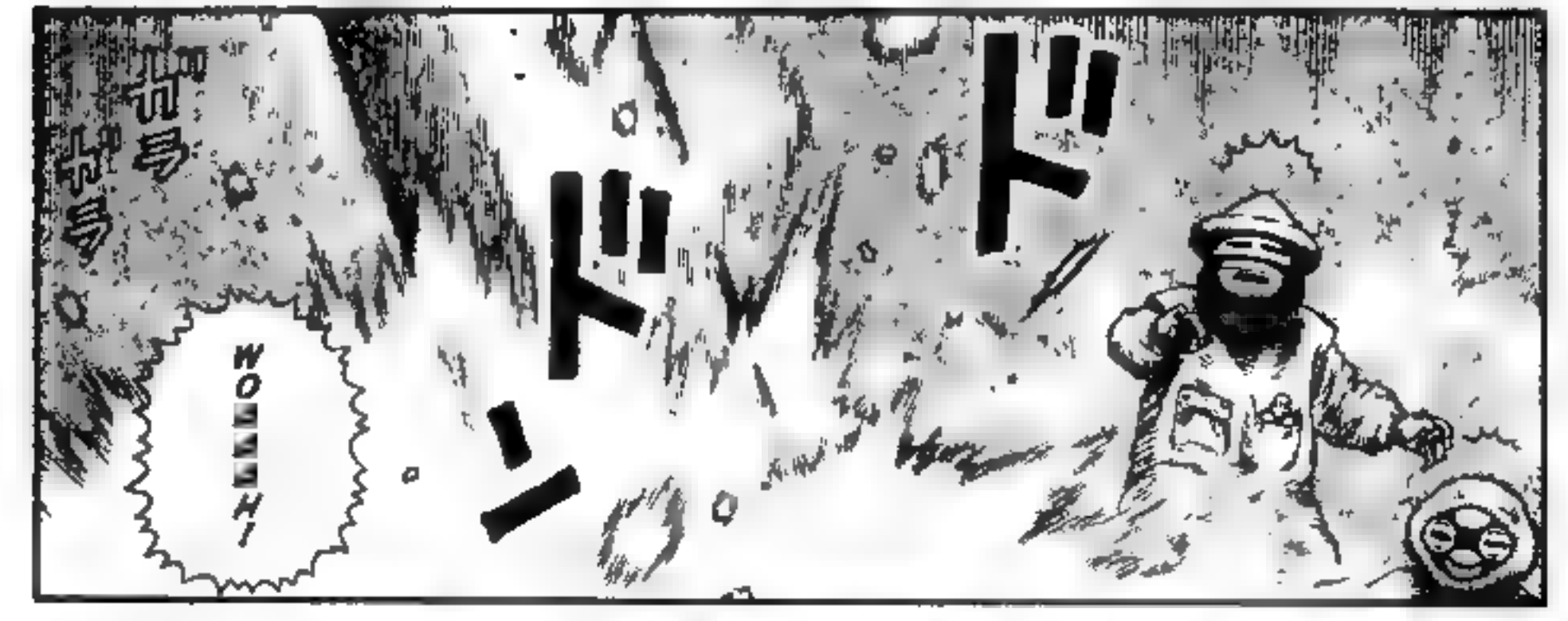
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MASTER!
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OH GOD!
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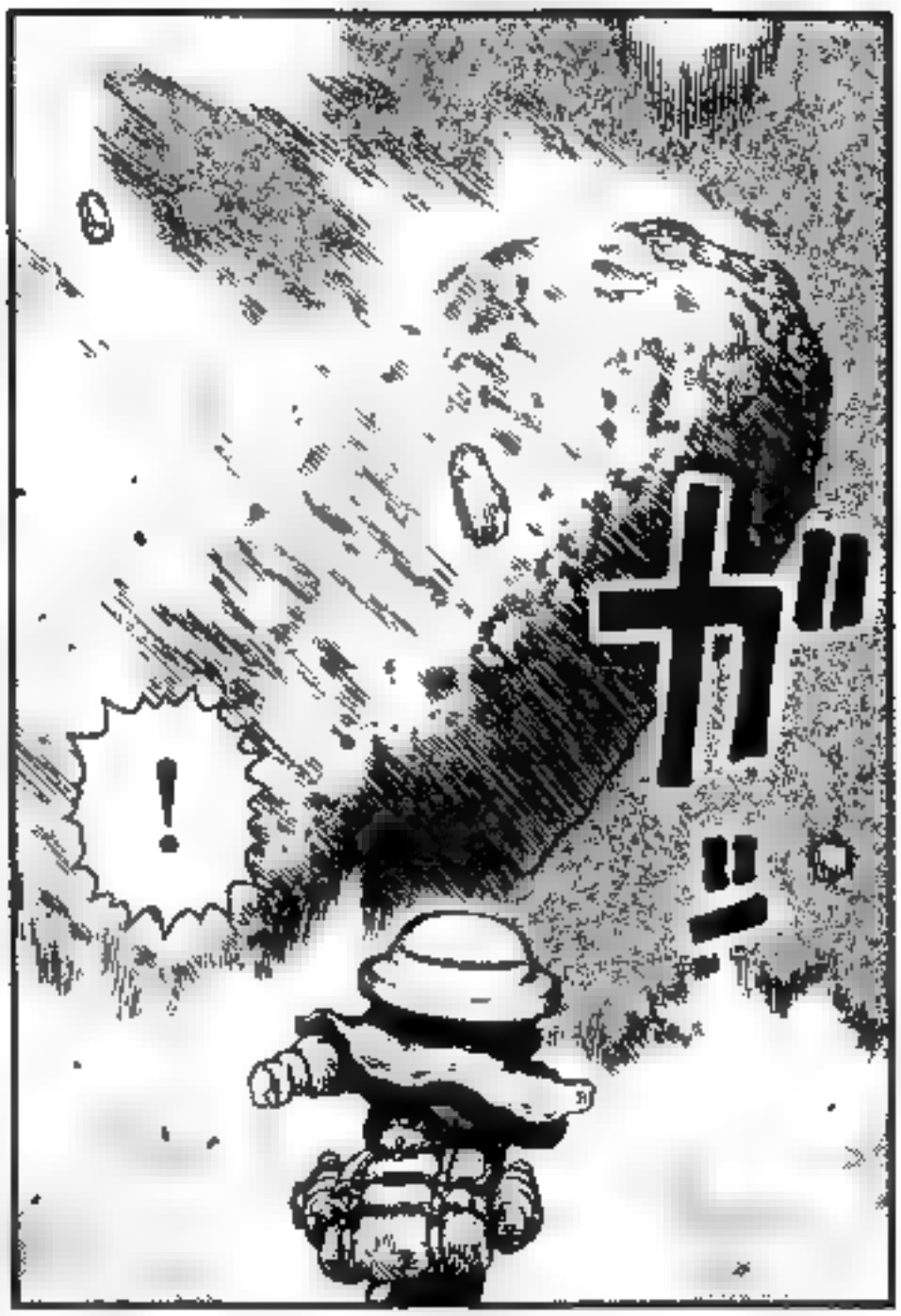
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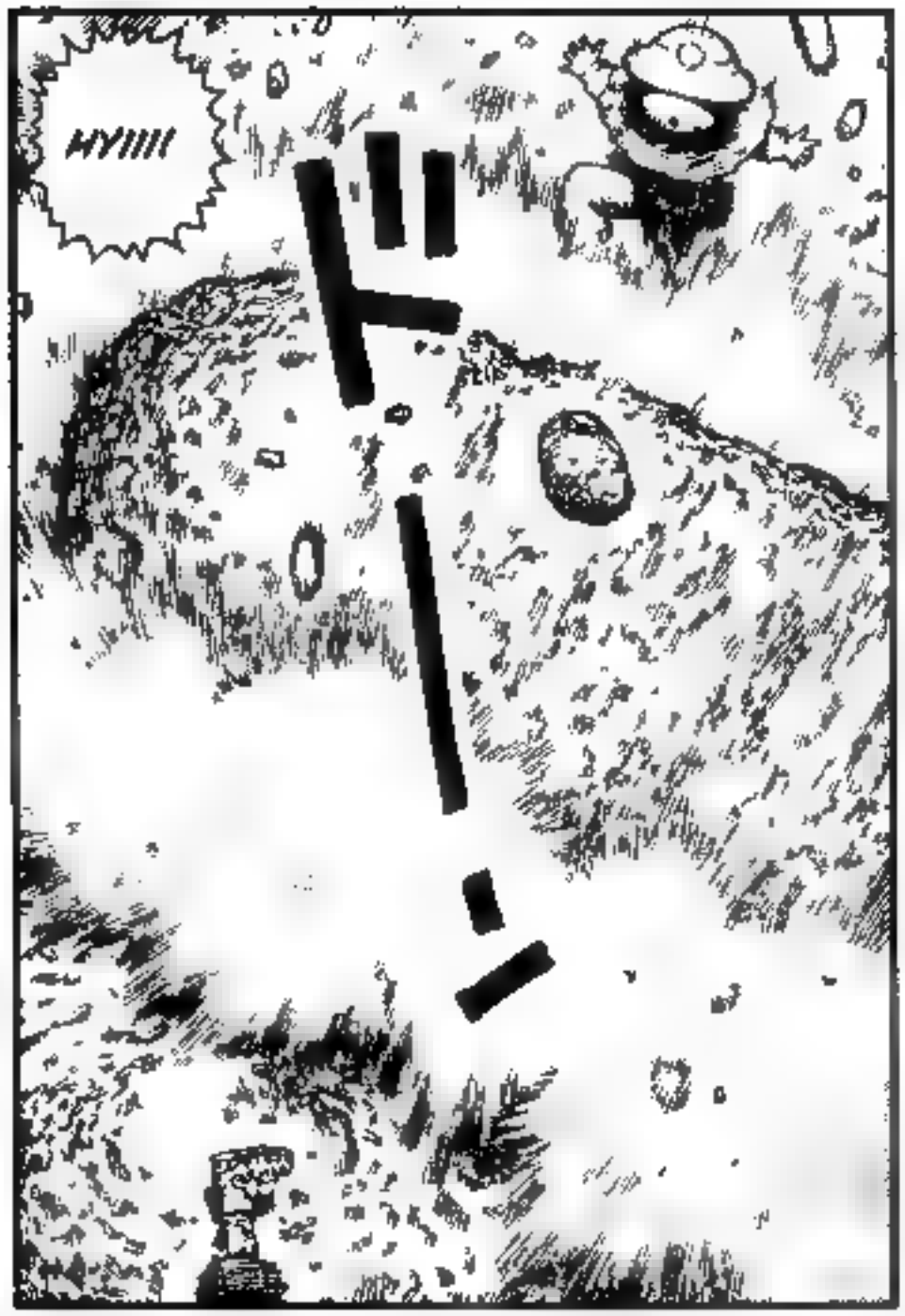
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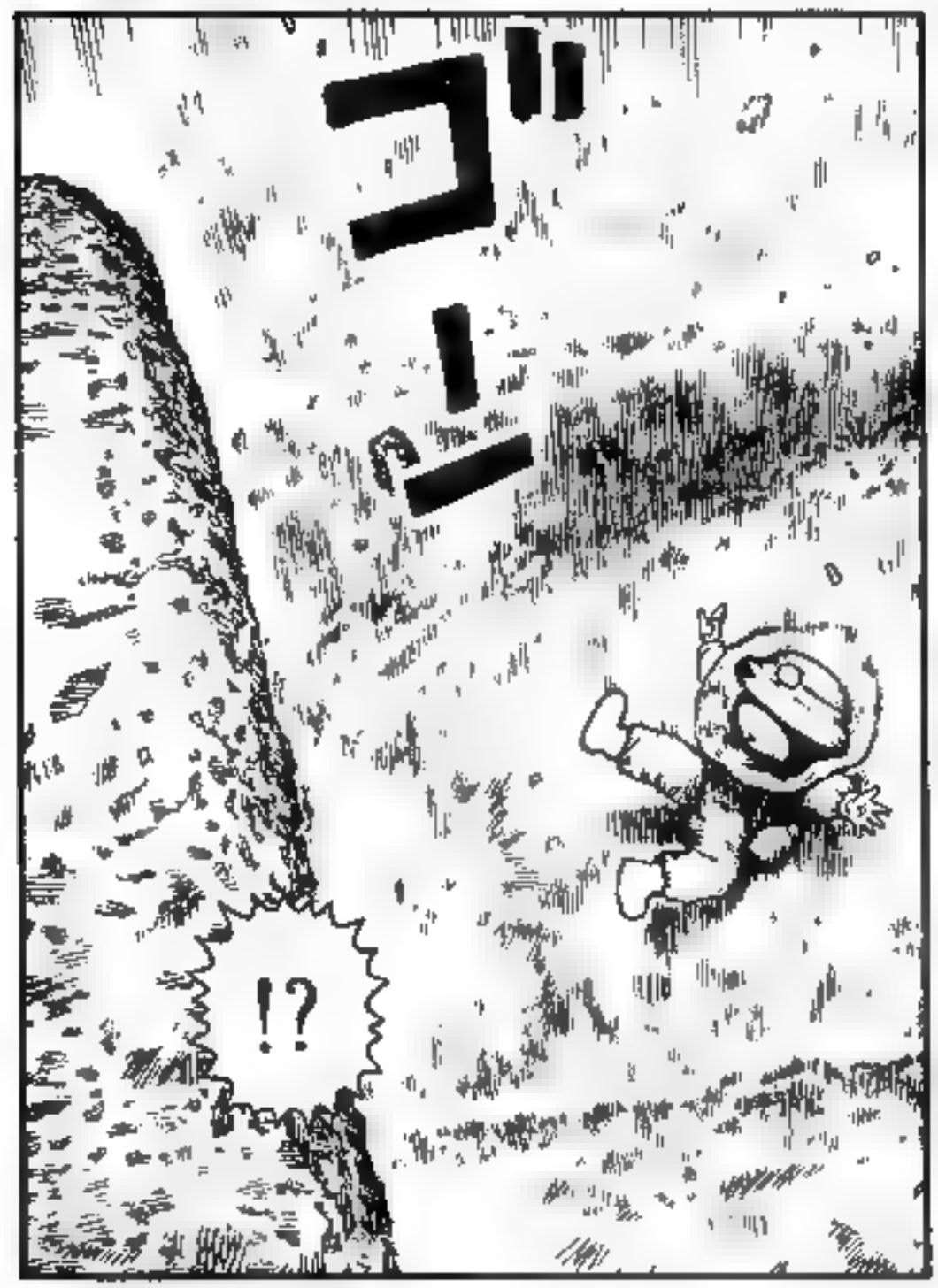
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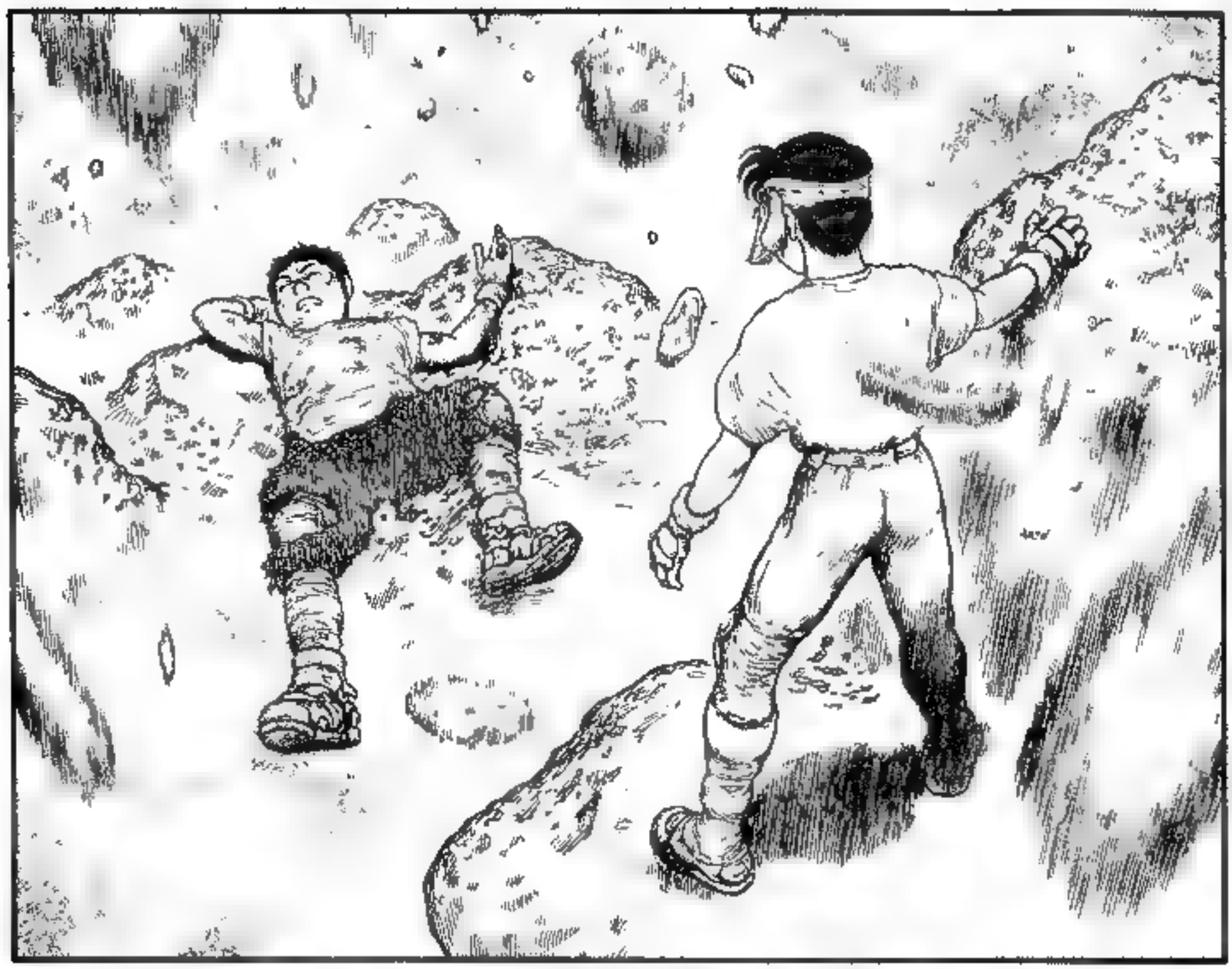

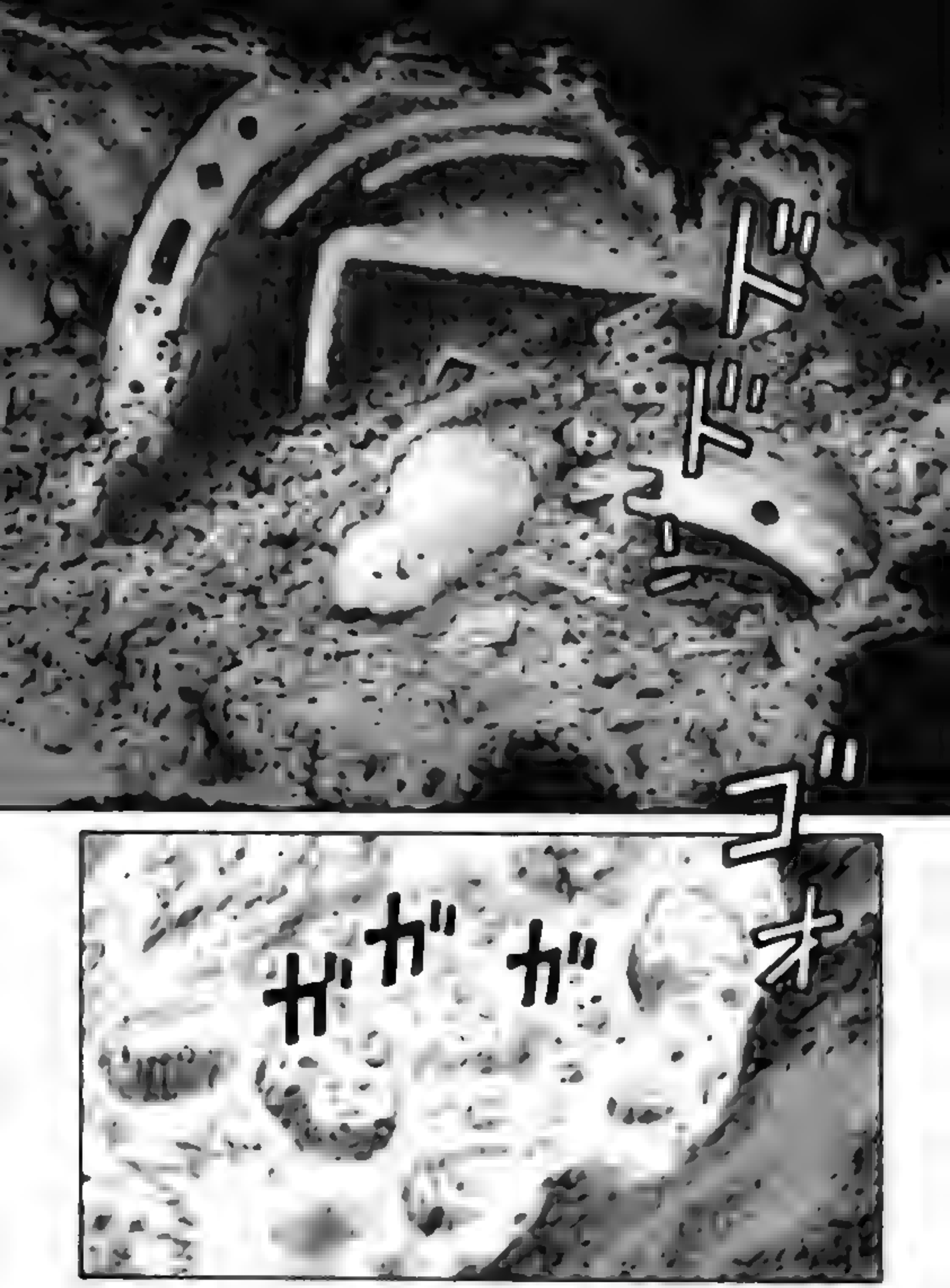
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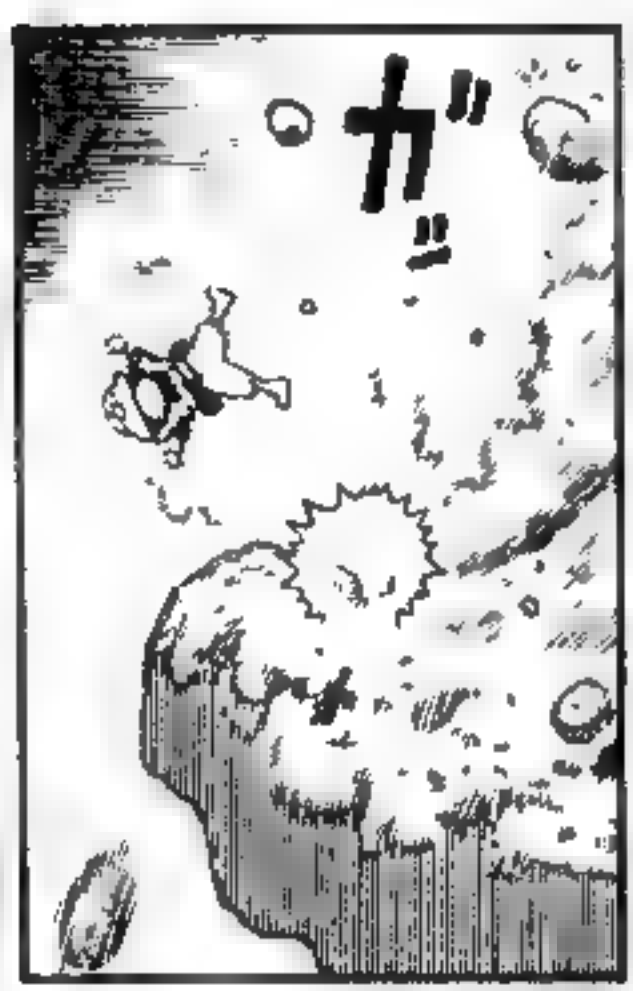
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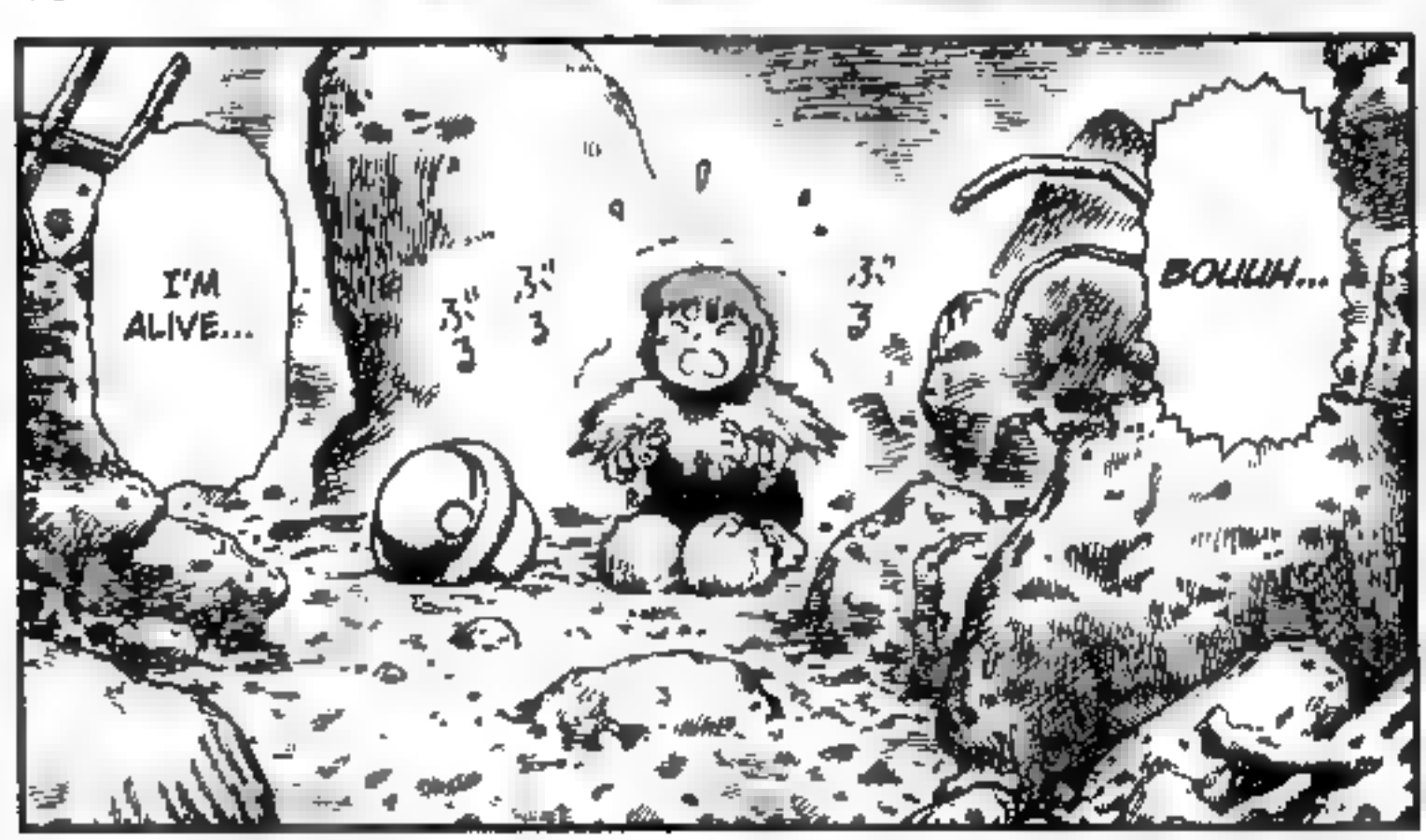
I'M ALIVE...
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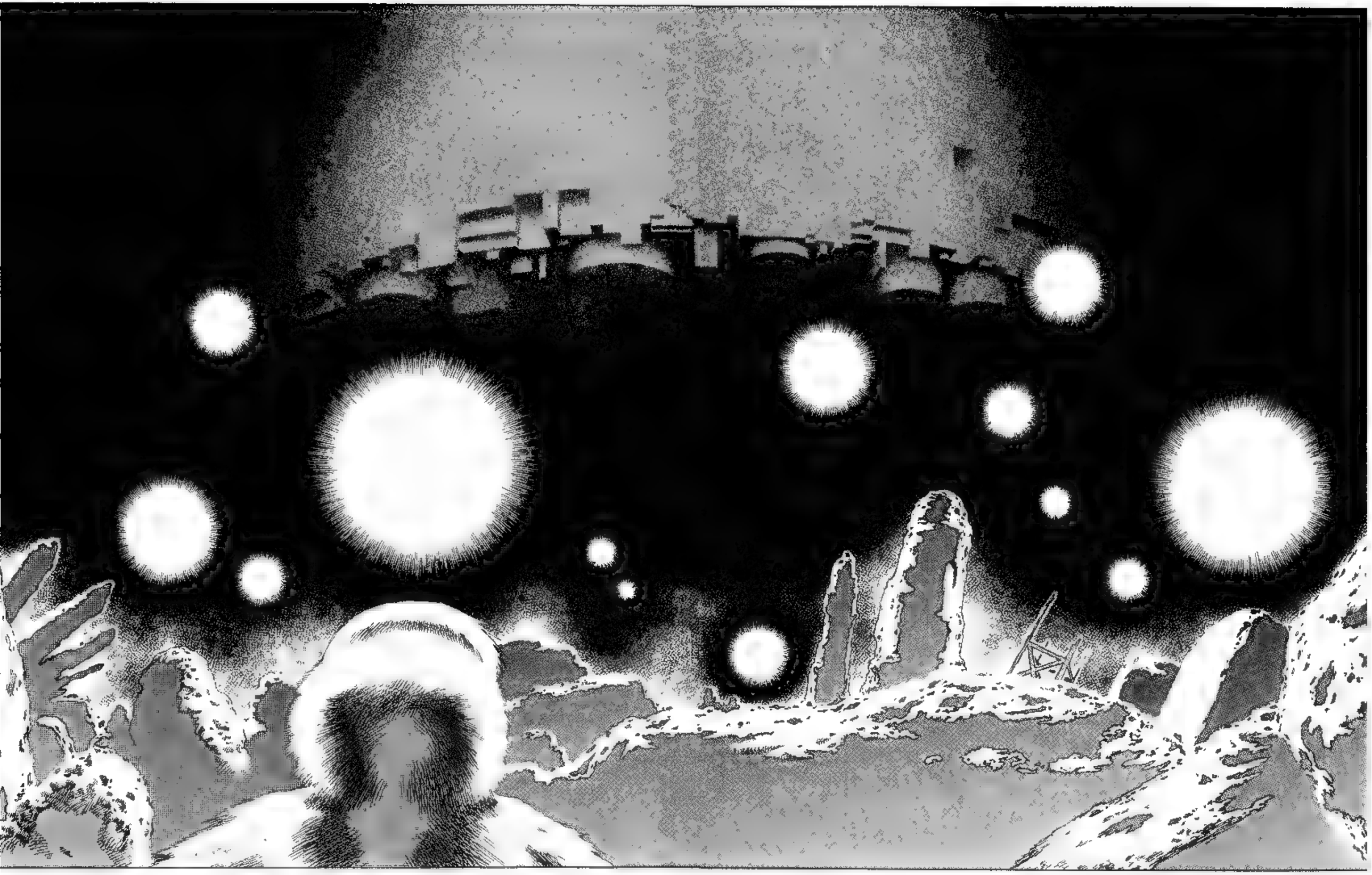
OH!



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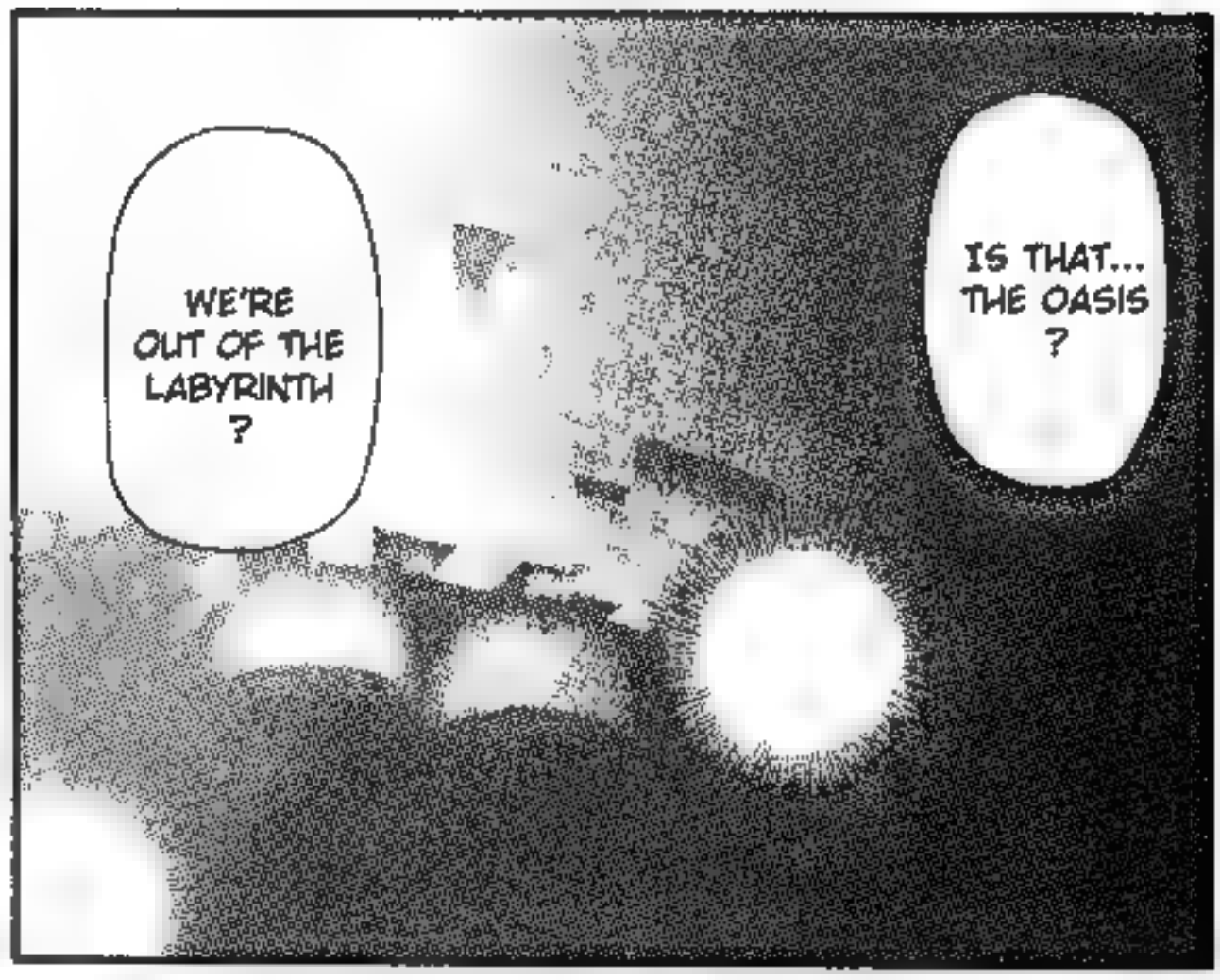
WE'RE OUT OF THE LABYRINTH ?
IS THAT... THE OASIS ?

AH?!
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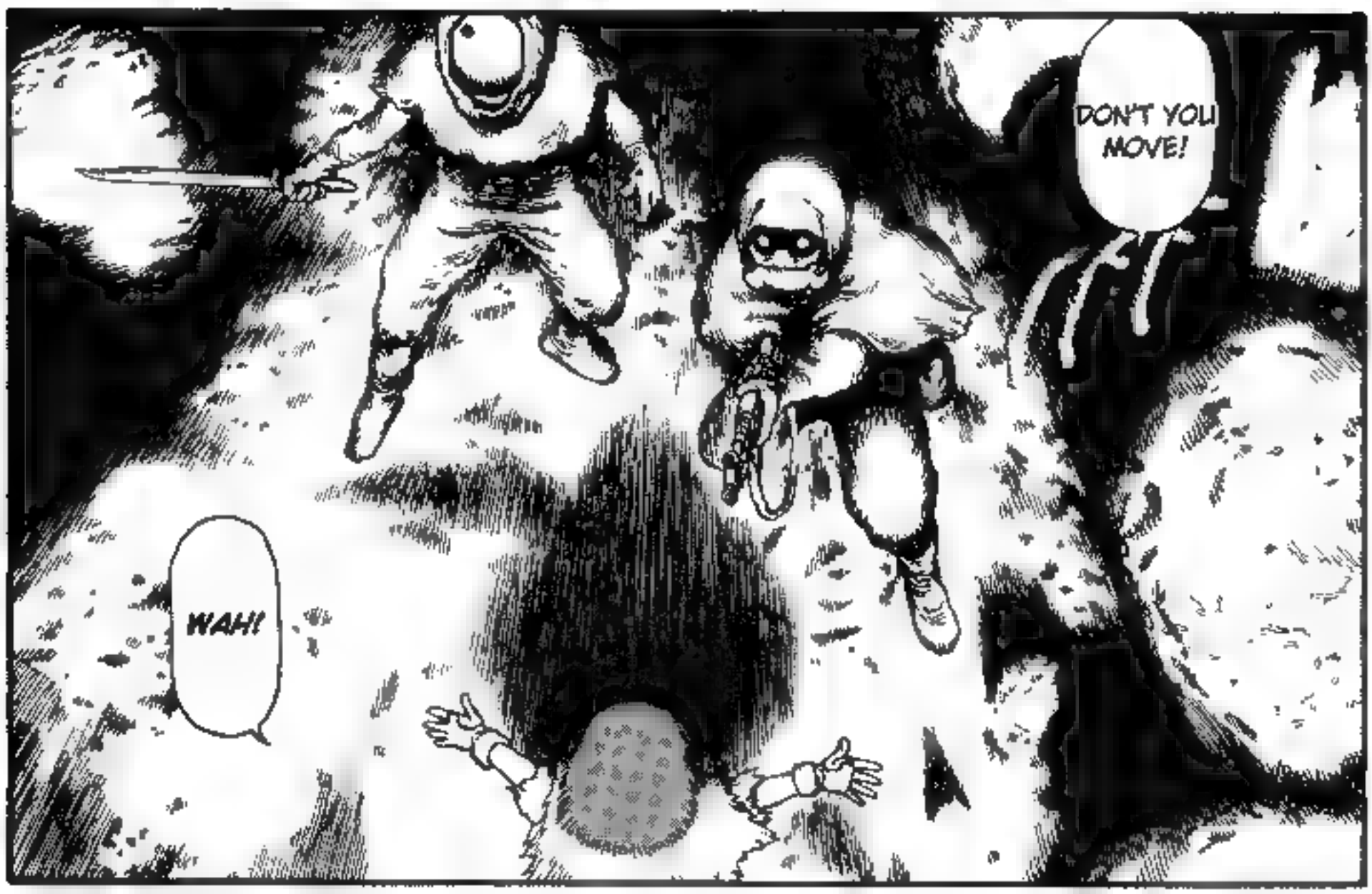
DON'T YOU MOVE!
WAH!

HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' HERE?

WHO'RE YOU?

WHAT IS HE DOING IN THE OASIS UNDER-GROUNDS ?

ONLY A BANDIT CAN STINK LIKE THAT.

IS THAT A BANDIT ?

UUGH..

HELP ME...

SEARCH HIM.

WAH!

HEY!
HEY!
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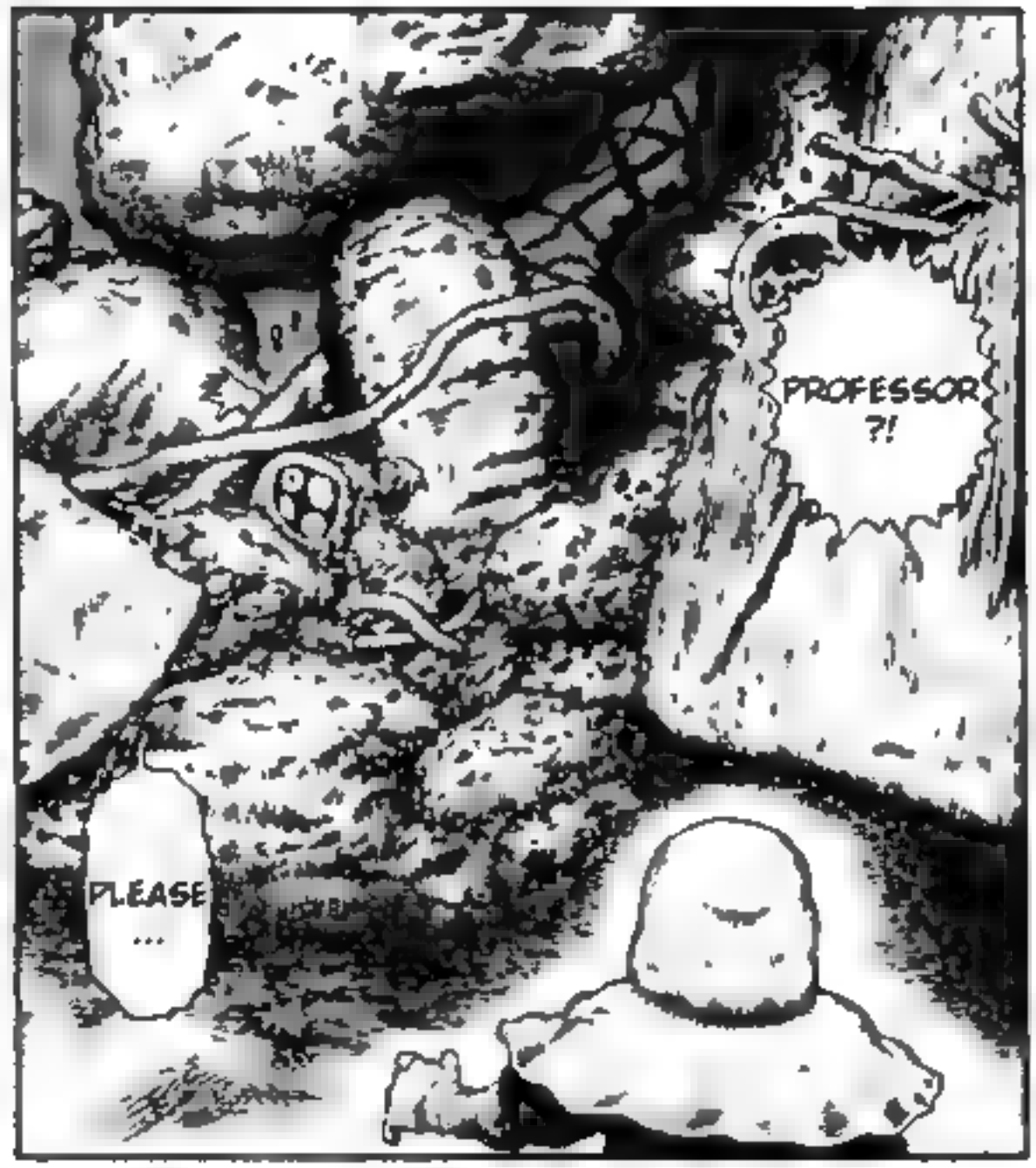
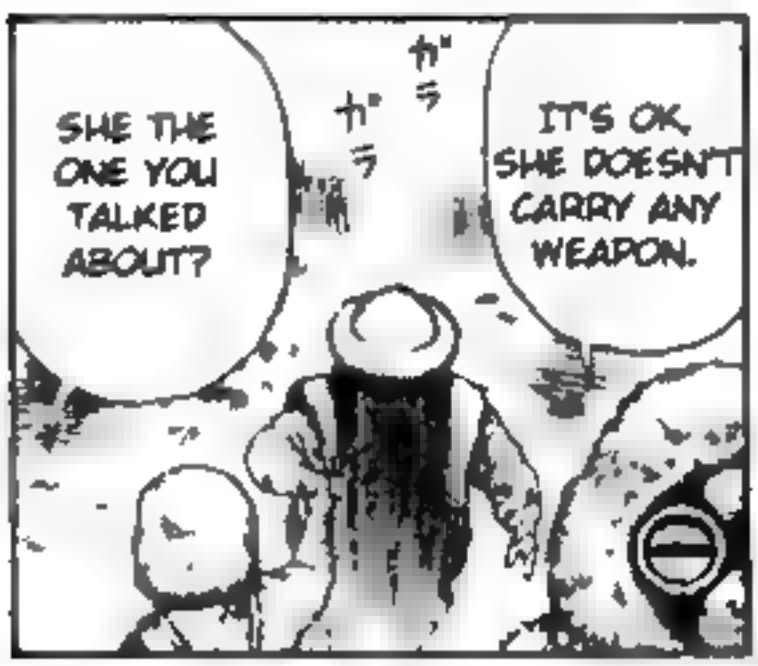
WAH!


PROFESSOR ?!
PLEASE ...


SHE THE ONE YOU TALKED ABOUT?
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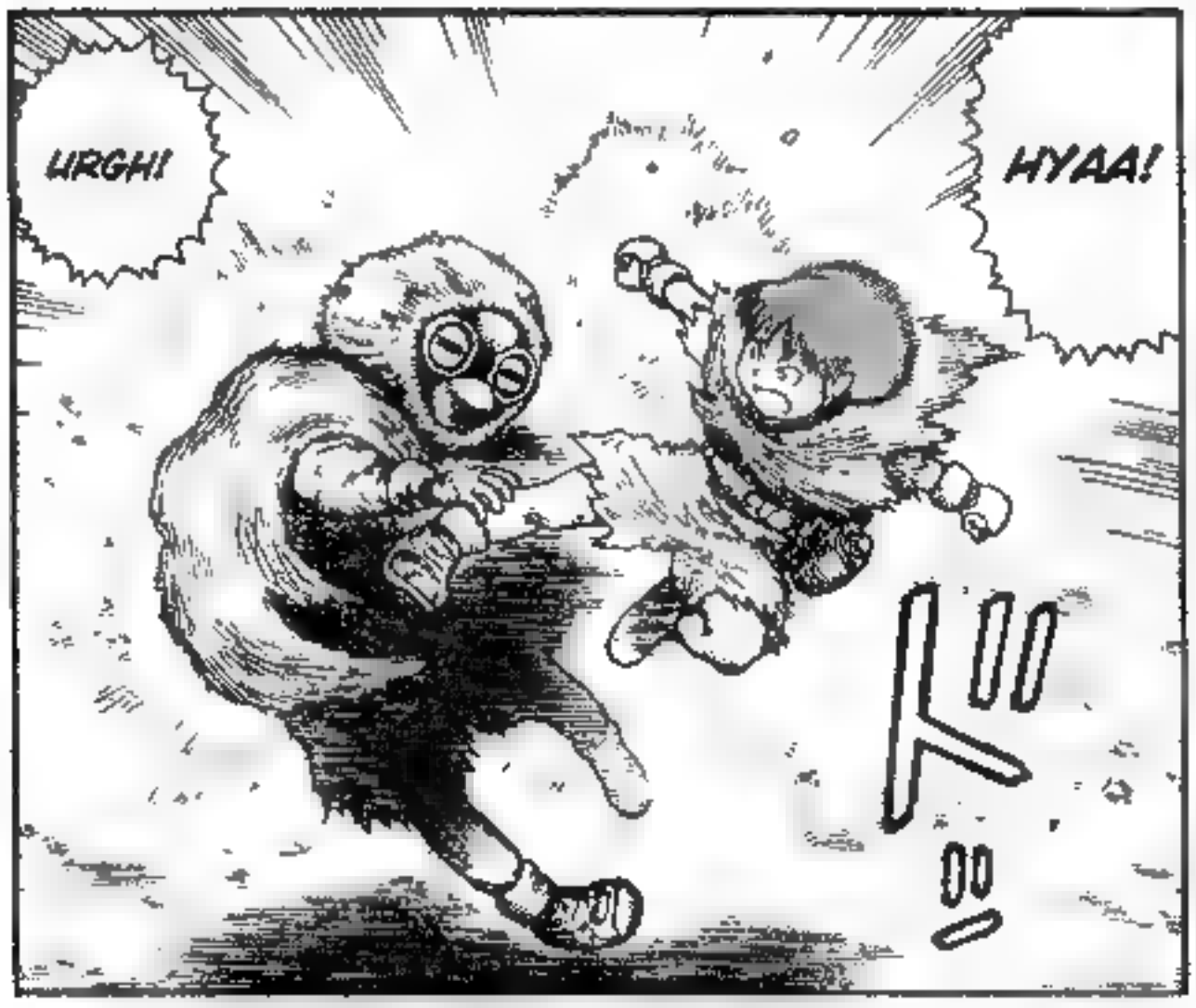
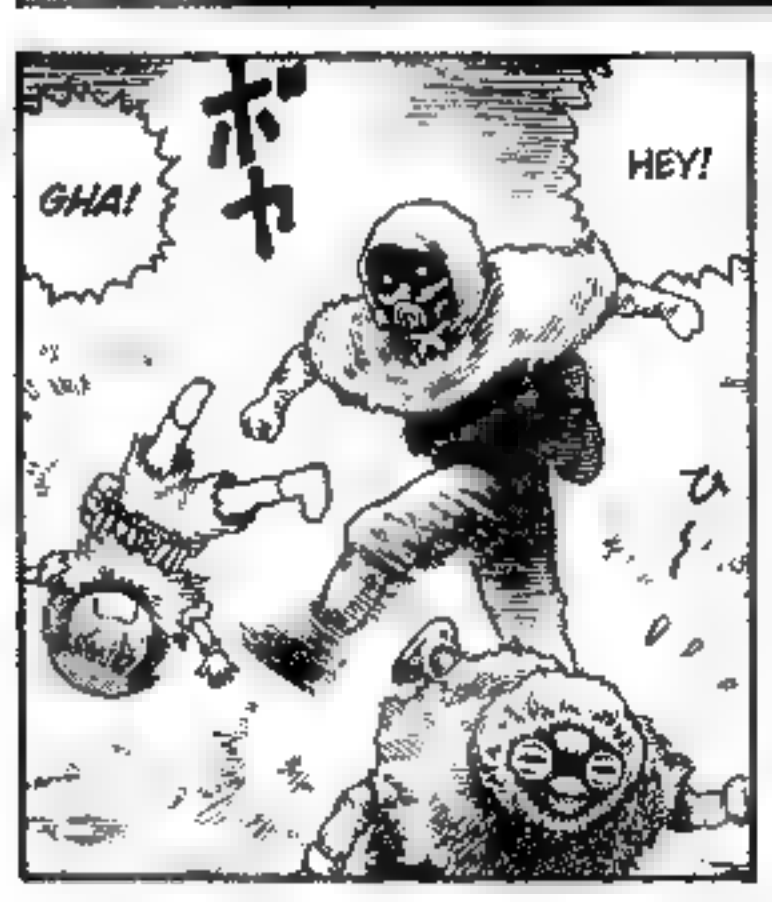
IT'S OK. SHE DOESN'T CARRY ANY WEAPON.

OH!
HEHE!
YOU'RE ALIVE!
NATSUKO AND MY MASTER?
WHERE ARE...

IT'S A MIRACLE WE MADE IT OUT ALIVE.
THAT WAS A BIG COLLAPSE.


URGH!
HYAA!

BUT THOSE TWO, THEY WERE REALLY CLOSE TO THE EXPLOSION.


GHA!
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HEY!

OUCH
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I'M... I'M SORRY...
YOU FUCKHEADS!
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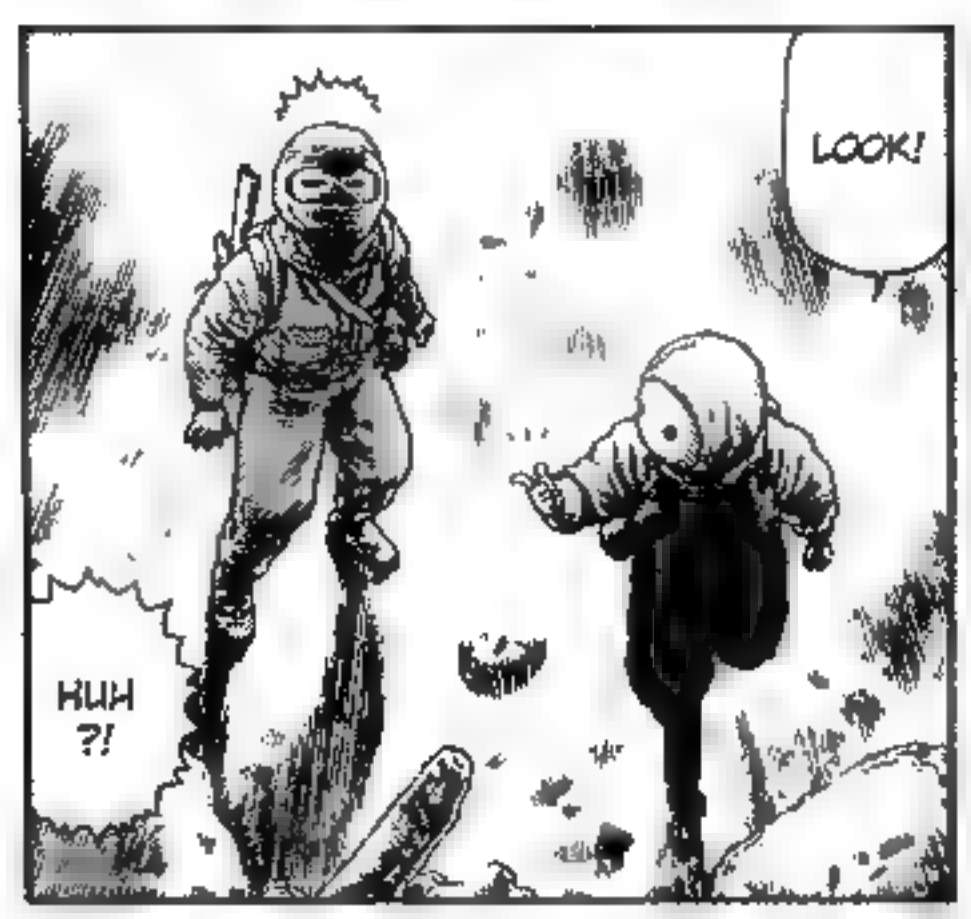
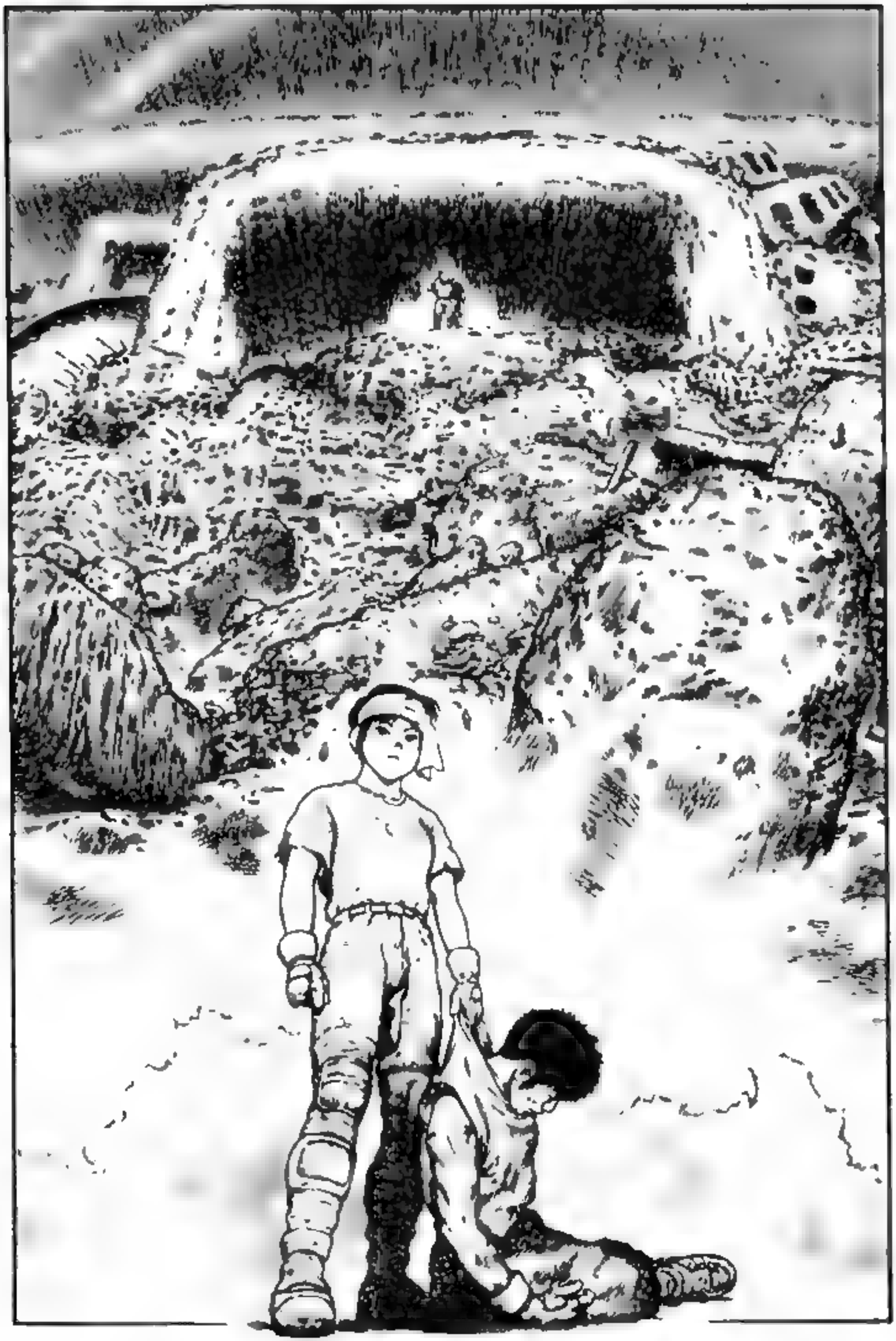

LOOK!
HUH ?!

THEY'RE REALLY COMING BACK FROM HELL!
AND THE BOSS, WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?
waah...
ow...
you damn brat...



BOSS!
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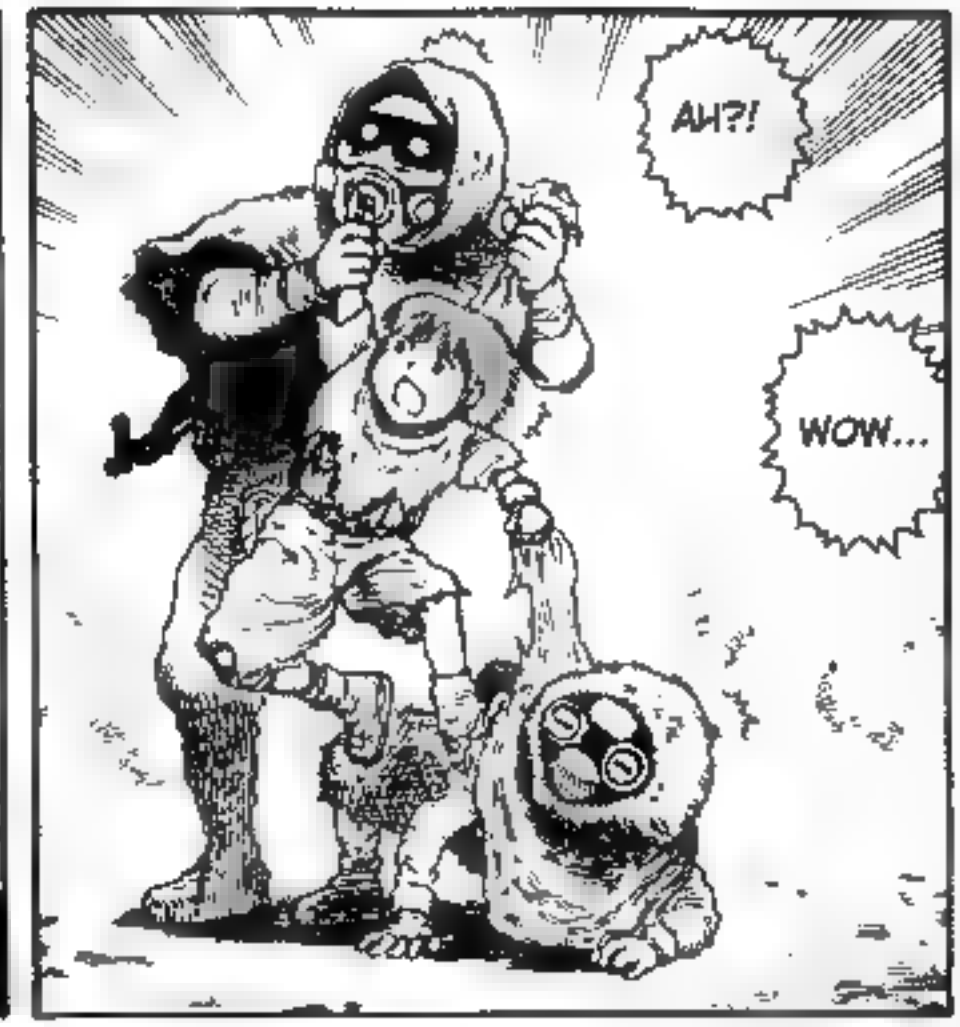

AH?!
WOW...

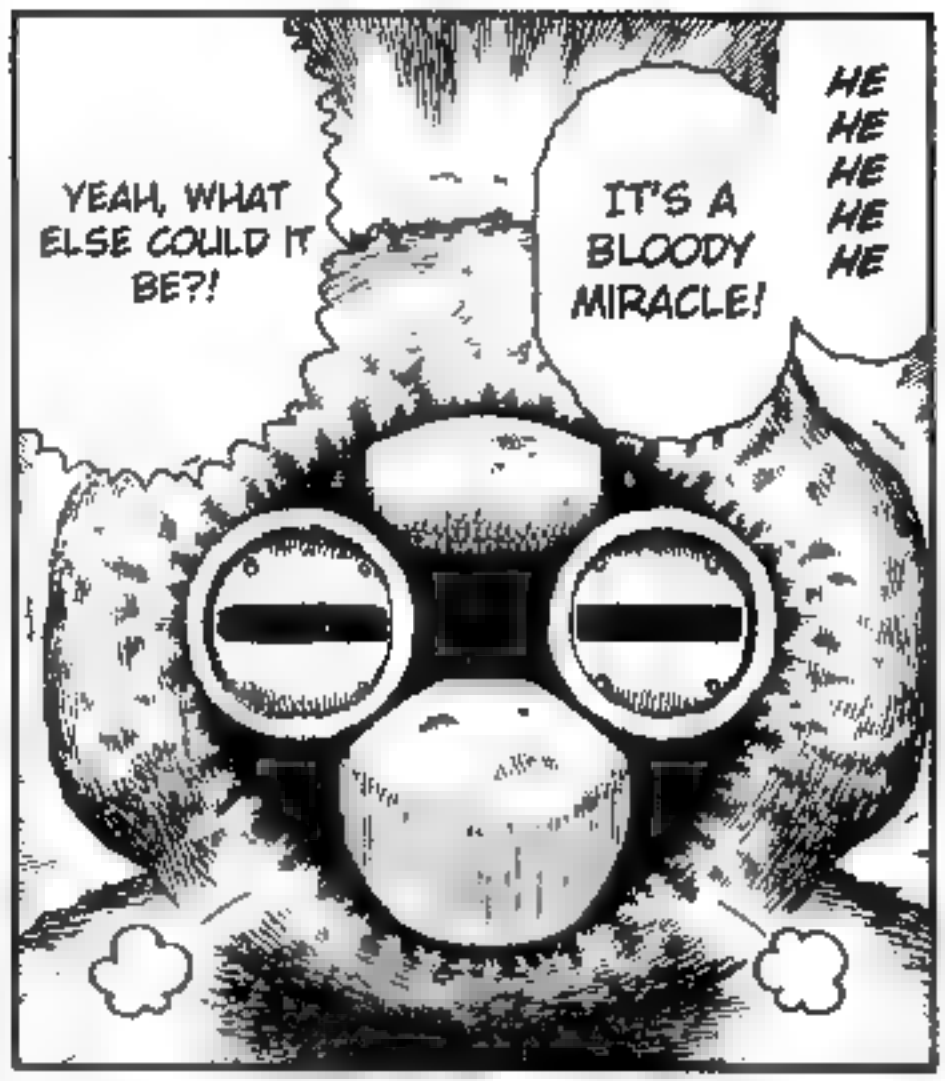
AS USUAL. WE SAID WE WERE GOING ON A SPECIAL TRAINING AND THEY LET US GO.
YES. I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO CONTACT YOU. HOW DID IT GO FOR YOU?
IS EVERYONE HERE?
WE'VE HURRIED UP SINCE THE INSTRUCTIONS CHANGED.

I DIDN'T WANT TO DIE WITH HIM.

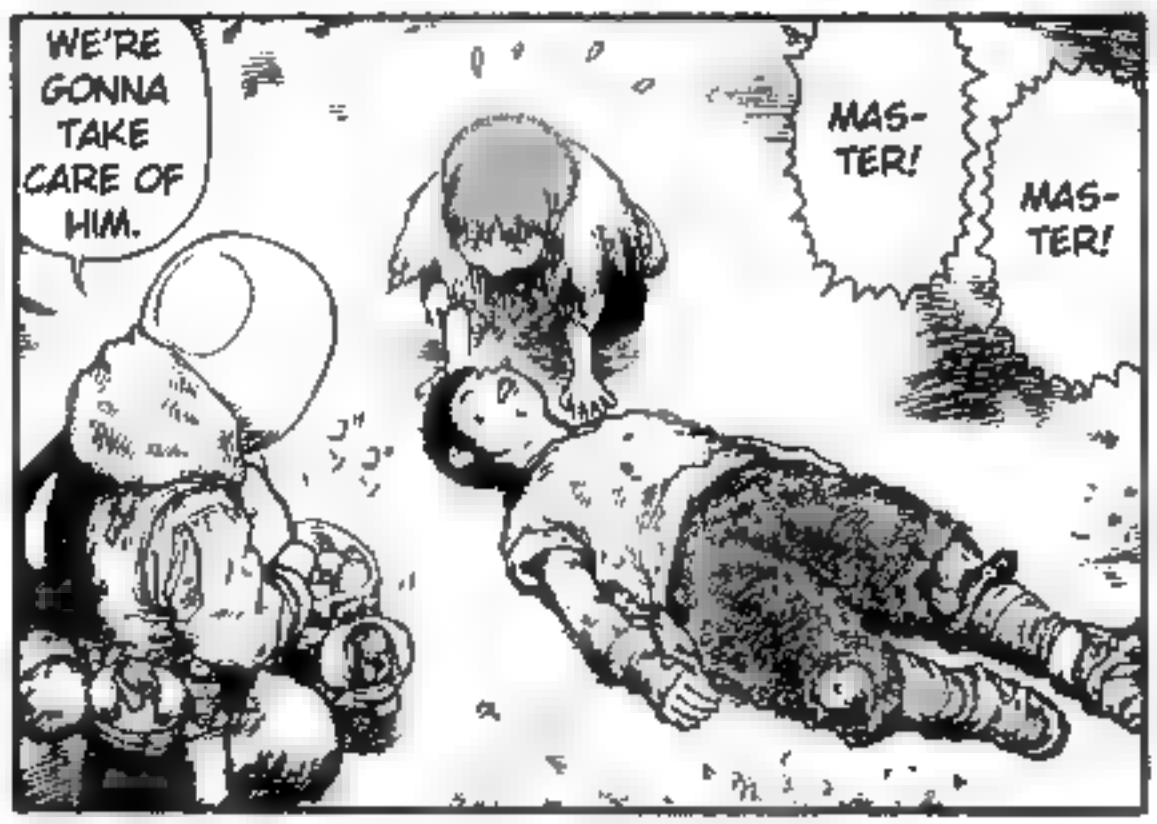
PFF...
WITH HER, YOU'RE SURE TO GET OUT OF ANY DESPERATE SITUATION.

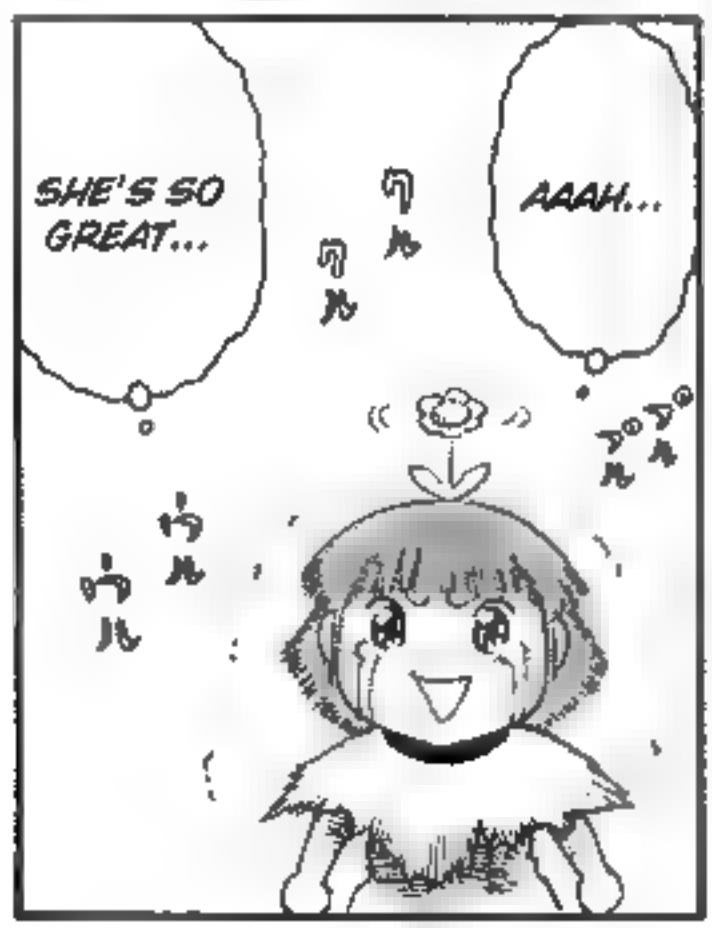
IT'S THANKS TO THE BOSS.
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE THAT THEY ALL MADE IT OUT OF THERE IN ONE PIECE.

ALL OUR WISHES WILL COME TRUE, IT'S CERTAIN!
WE'RE GOING TO WIN!
Those who went to make contact are they alright?


YEAH, WHAT ELSE COULD IT BE?!
IT'S A BLOODY MIRACLE!
HE HE HE HE HE

NATSUKO...
HE'S NOT GONNA DIE.
DON'T WOR-RY...


WE'RE GONNA TAKE CARE OF HIM.
MAS-TER!
MAS-TER!


SHE'S SO GREAT...
AAAH...

Ow!
I ONLY DID MY JOB.
Thank you
EVEN THOUGH YOU HATE HIM, YOU SAVED HIS LIFE...
So much

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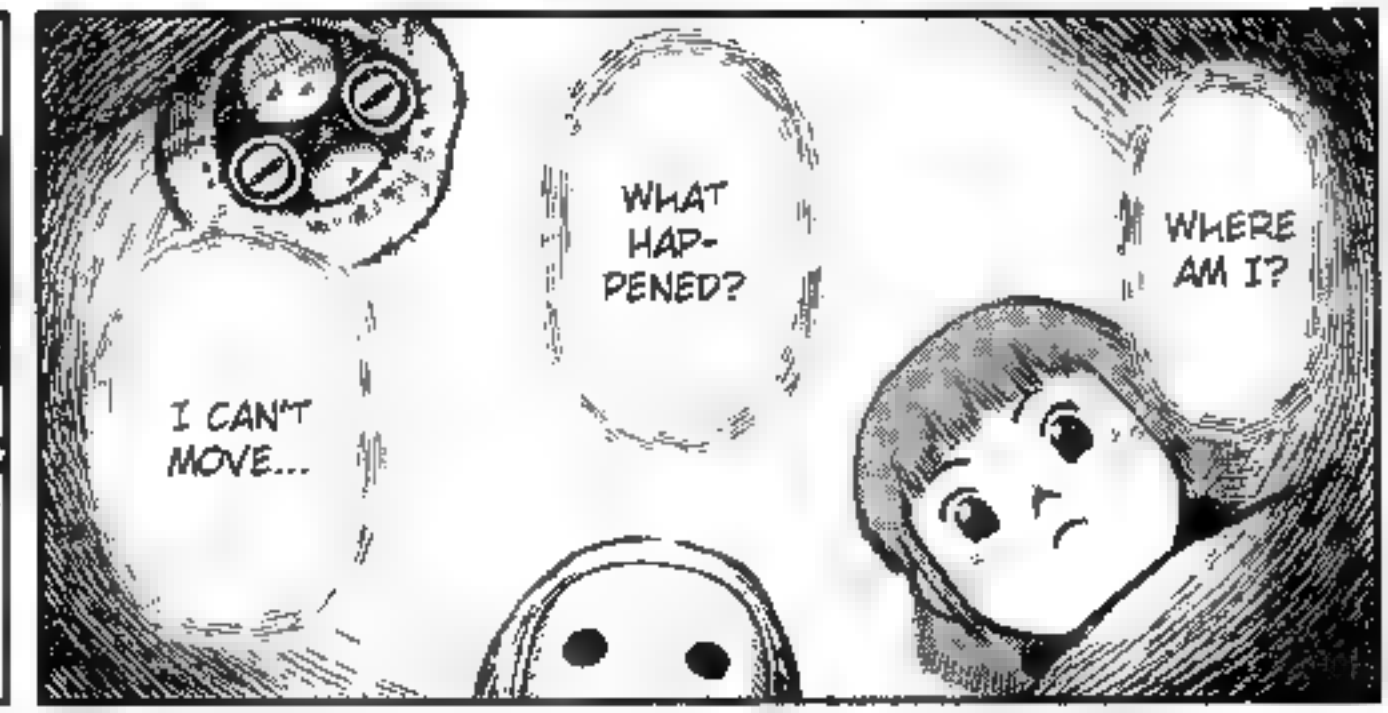
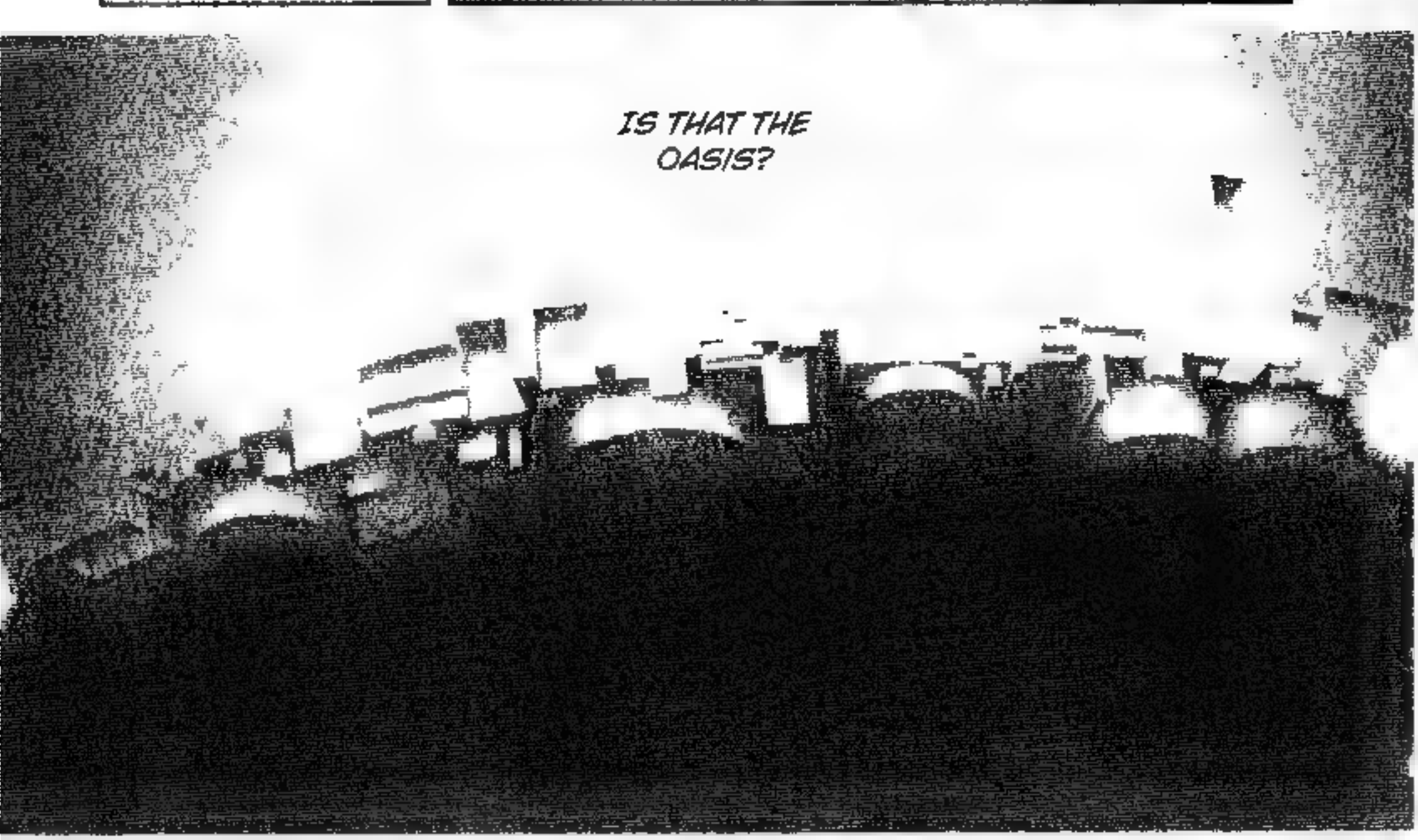
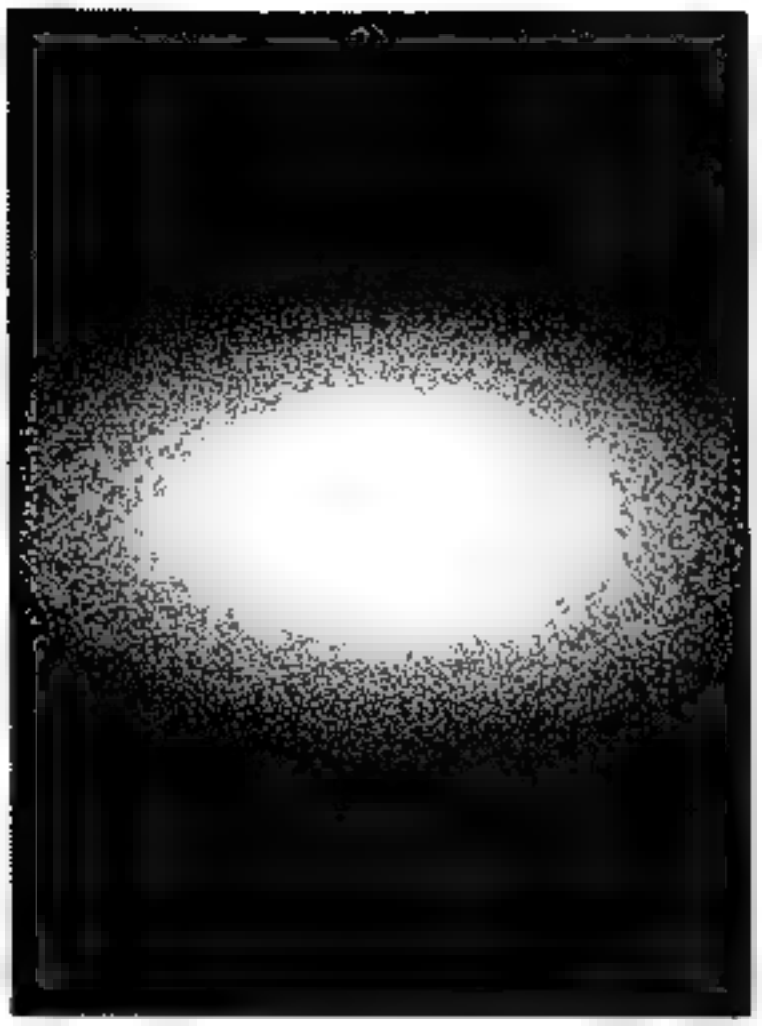

I CAN'T MOVE...
WHAT HAP-PENED?
WHERE AM I?


IS THAT THE OASIS?



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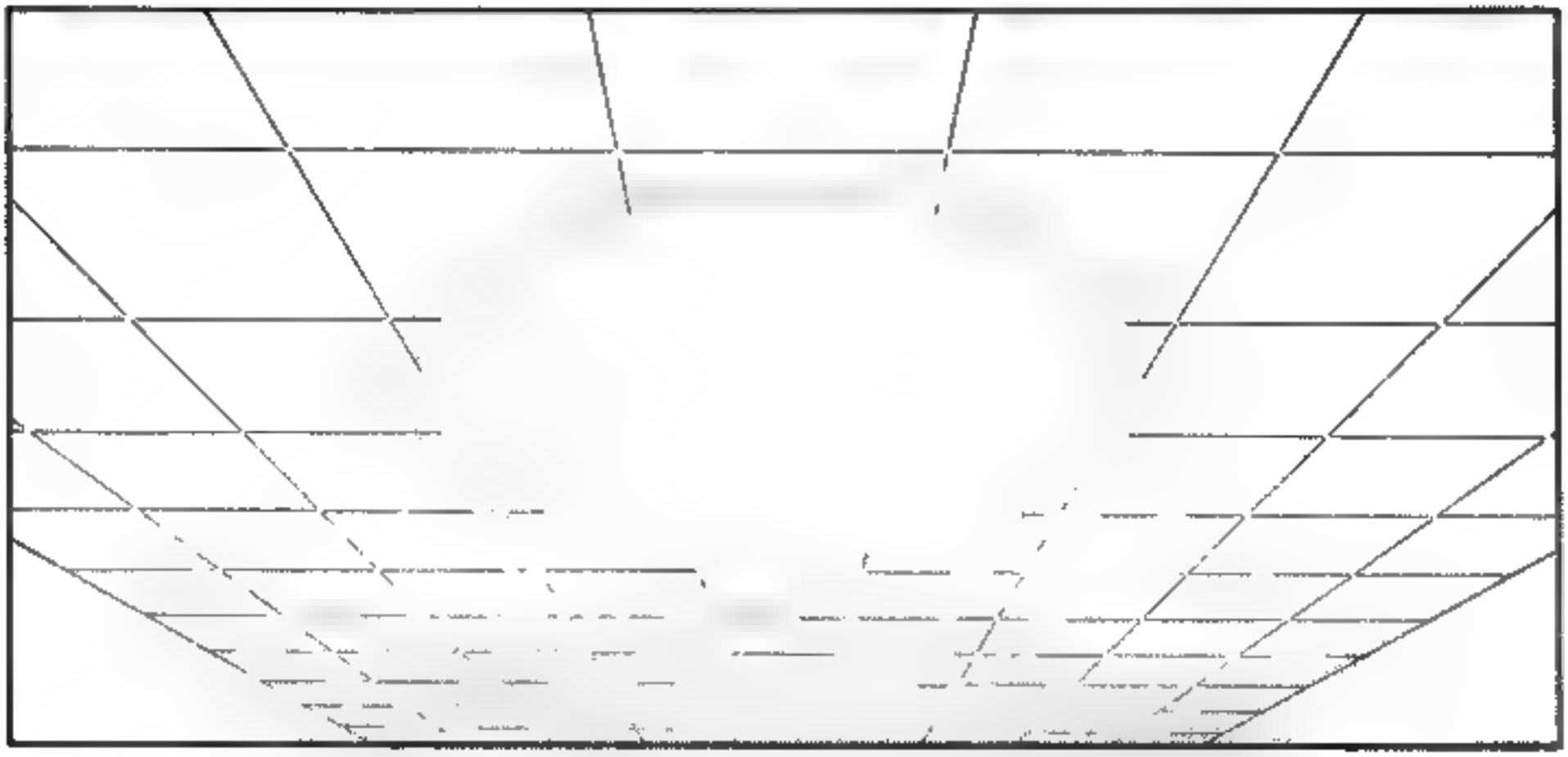

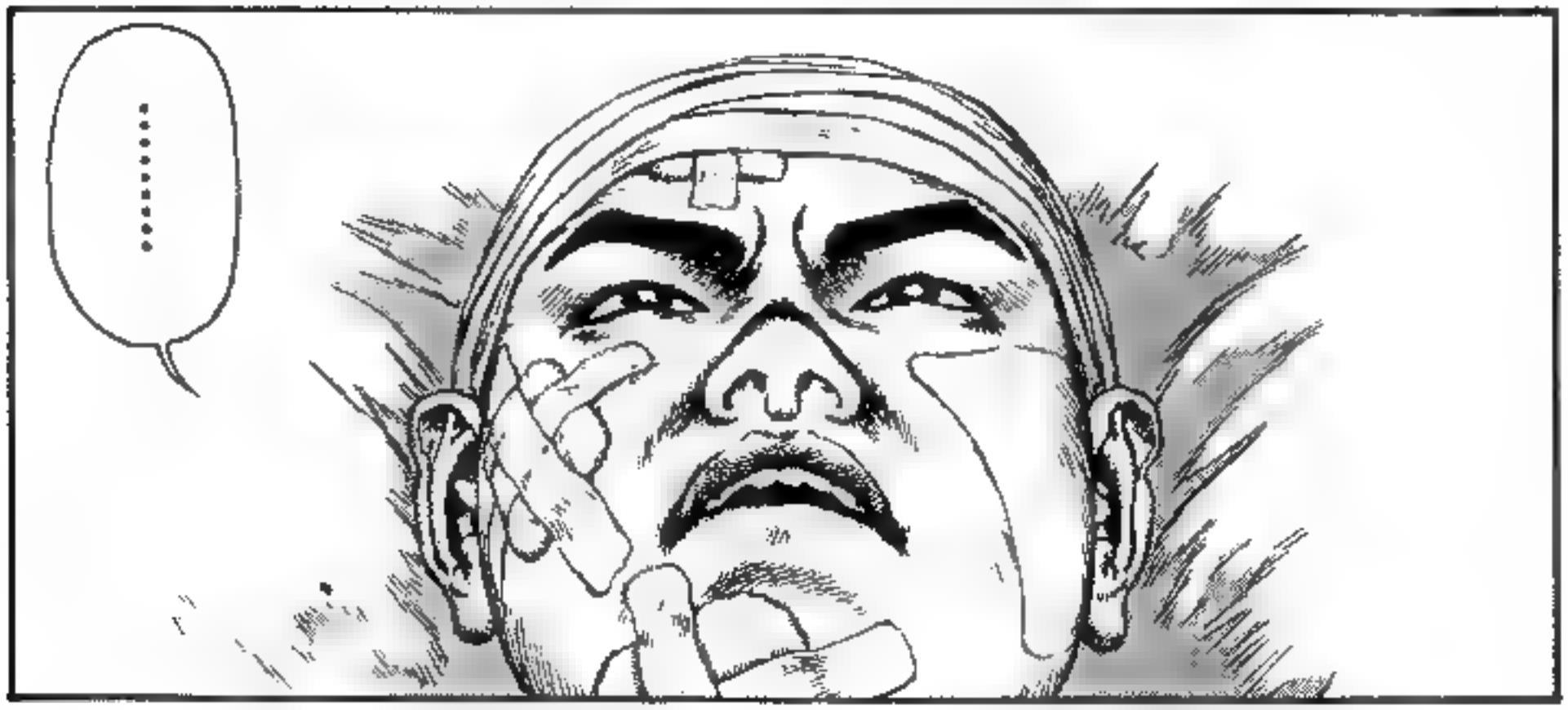
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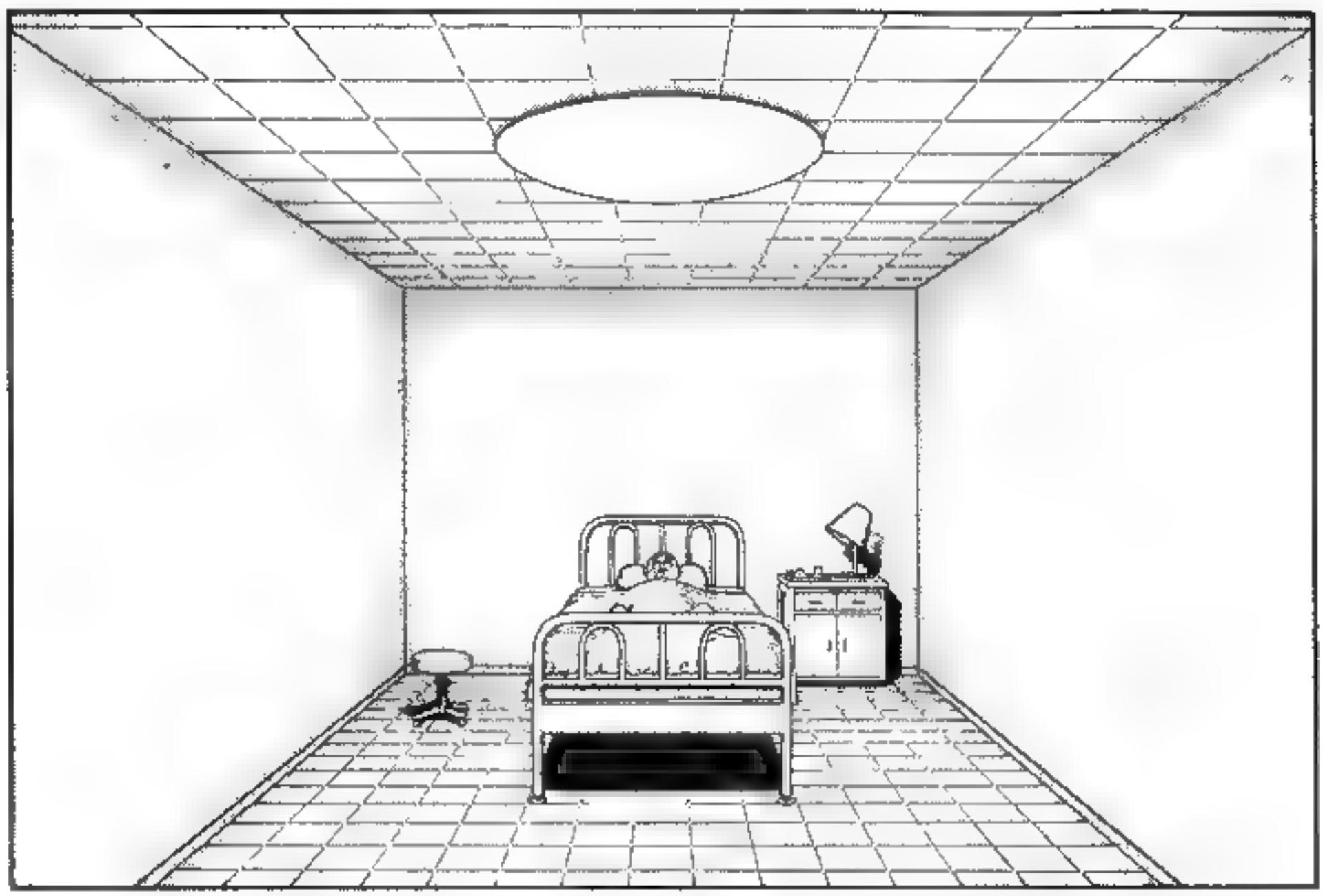
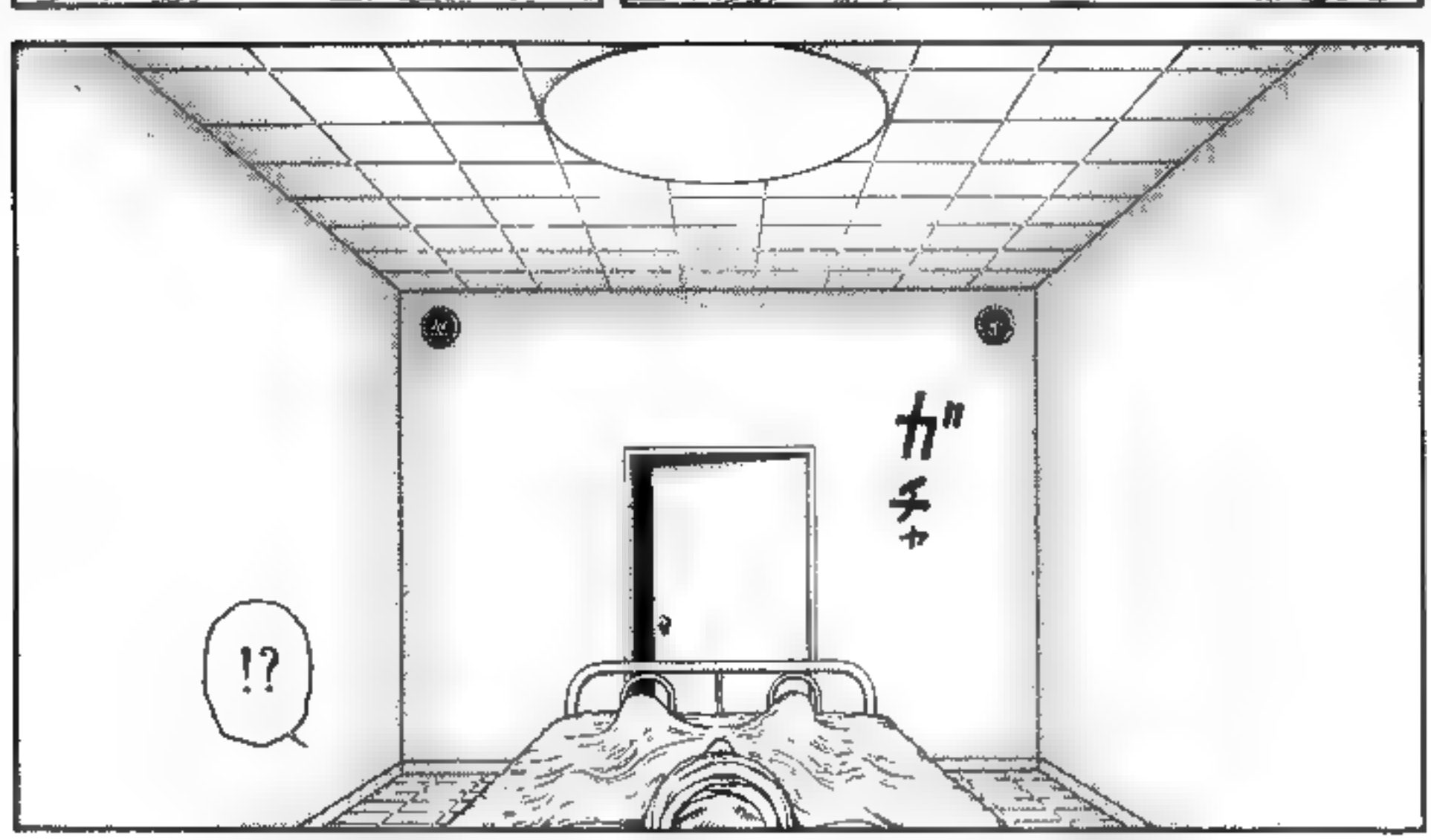


I'M SO TIRED.
HAA...

WHERE AM I?
BUT...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ASAGIRI JUNKO...
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MMM...
HAA...
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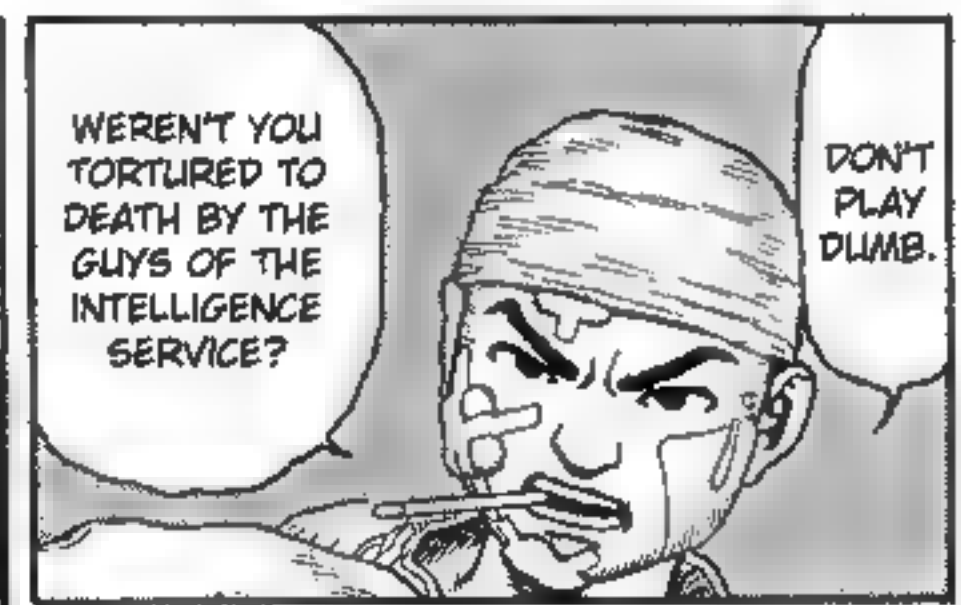
HOW ARE YOU?

I'M A NURSE.
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
His head was shaved

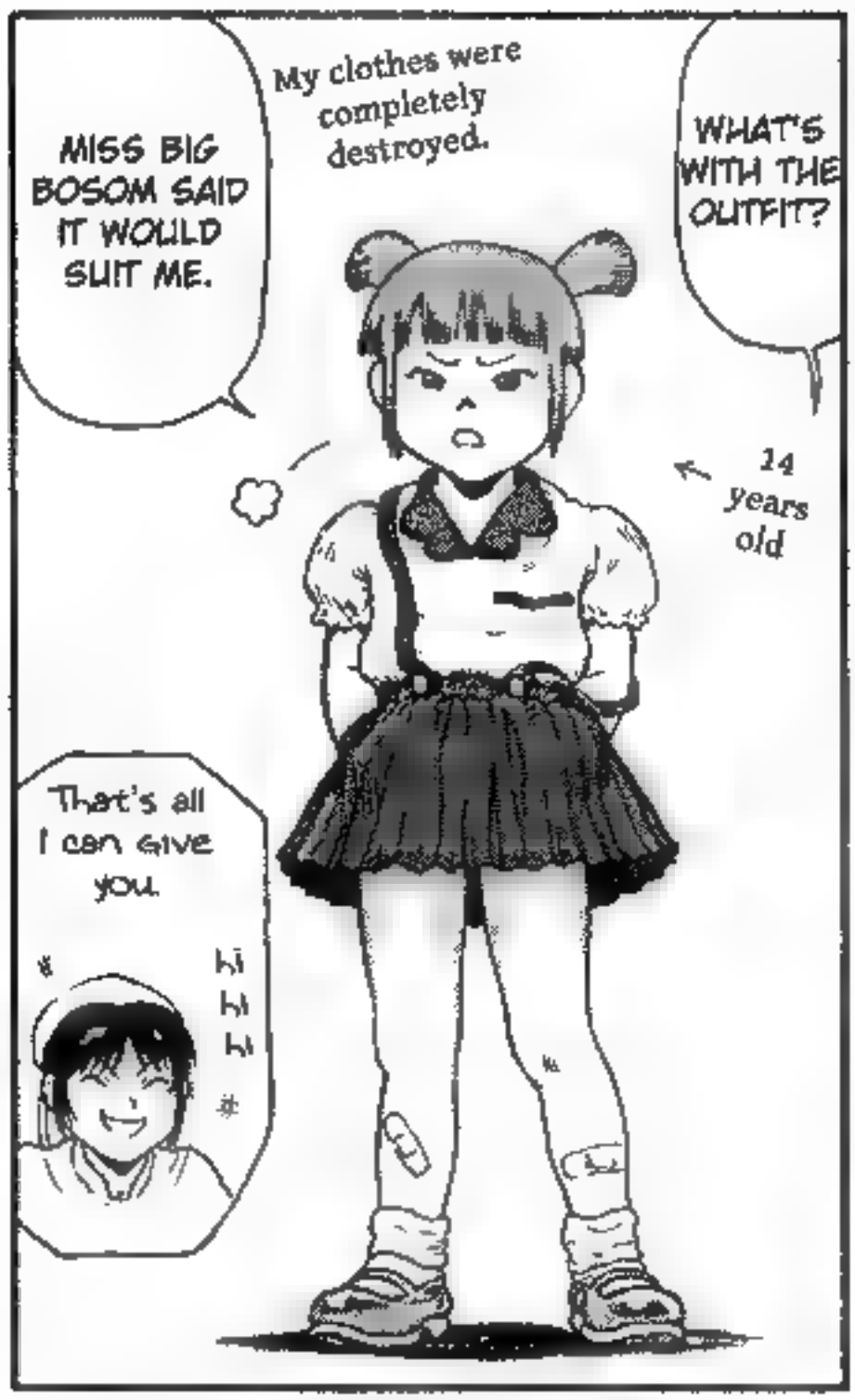
HUH?!
Yeah!
THEY HIRED ME.


WEREN'T YOU TORTURED TO DEATH BY THE GUYS OF THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE?
DON'T PLAY DUMB.

IN FACT...
HA HA

SILLY YOU!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE WORRIED LIKE THAT.
OOW!
YOU CAME TO RESCUE ME?
IT SEEMS YOU WENT THROUGH A LOT.
WELL, YES...
BUT ...

Bottom cheek


MISS BIG BOSOM SAID IT WOULD SUIT ME.
My clothes were completely destroyed.
WHAT'S WITH THE OUTFIT?
14 years old
That's all I can give you.
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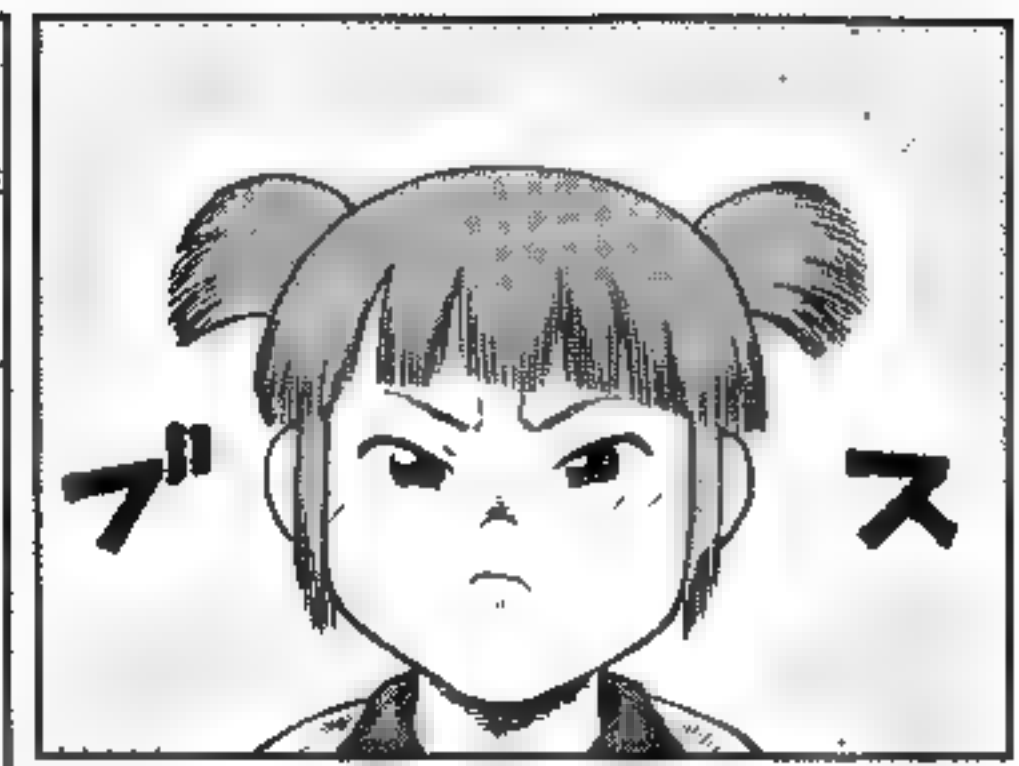
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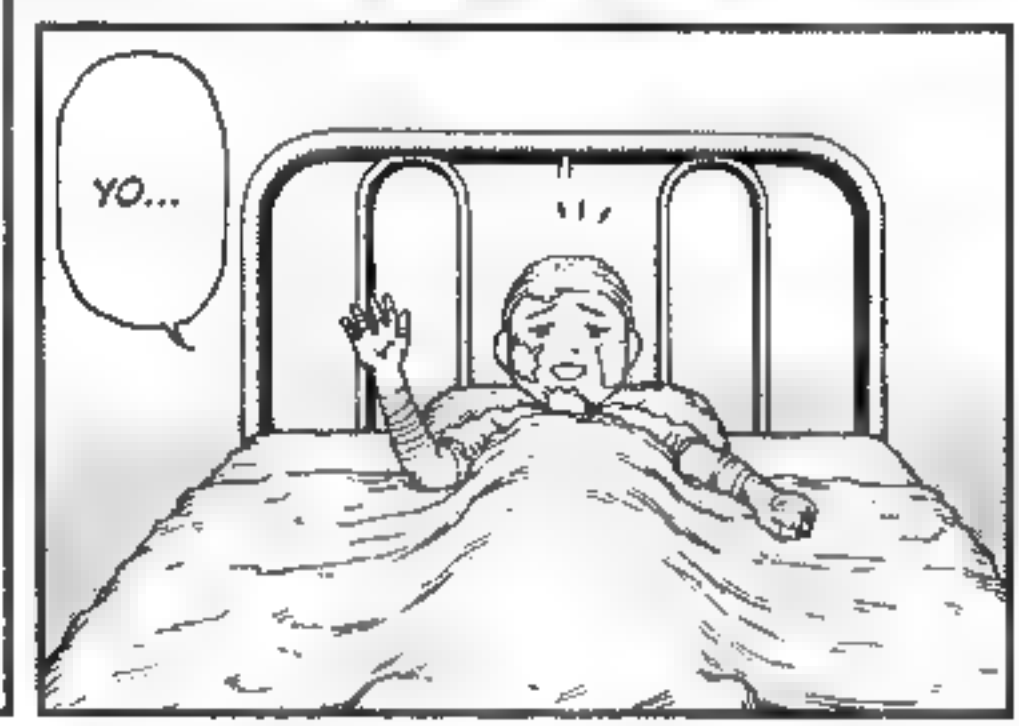
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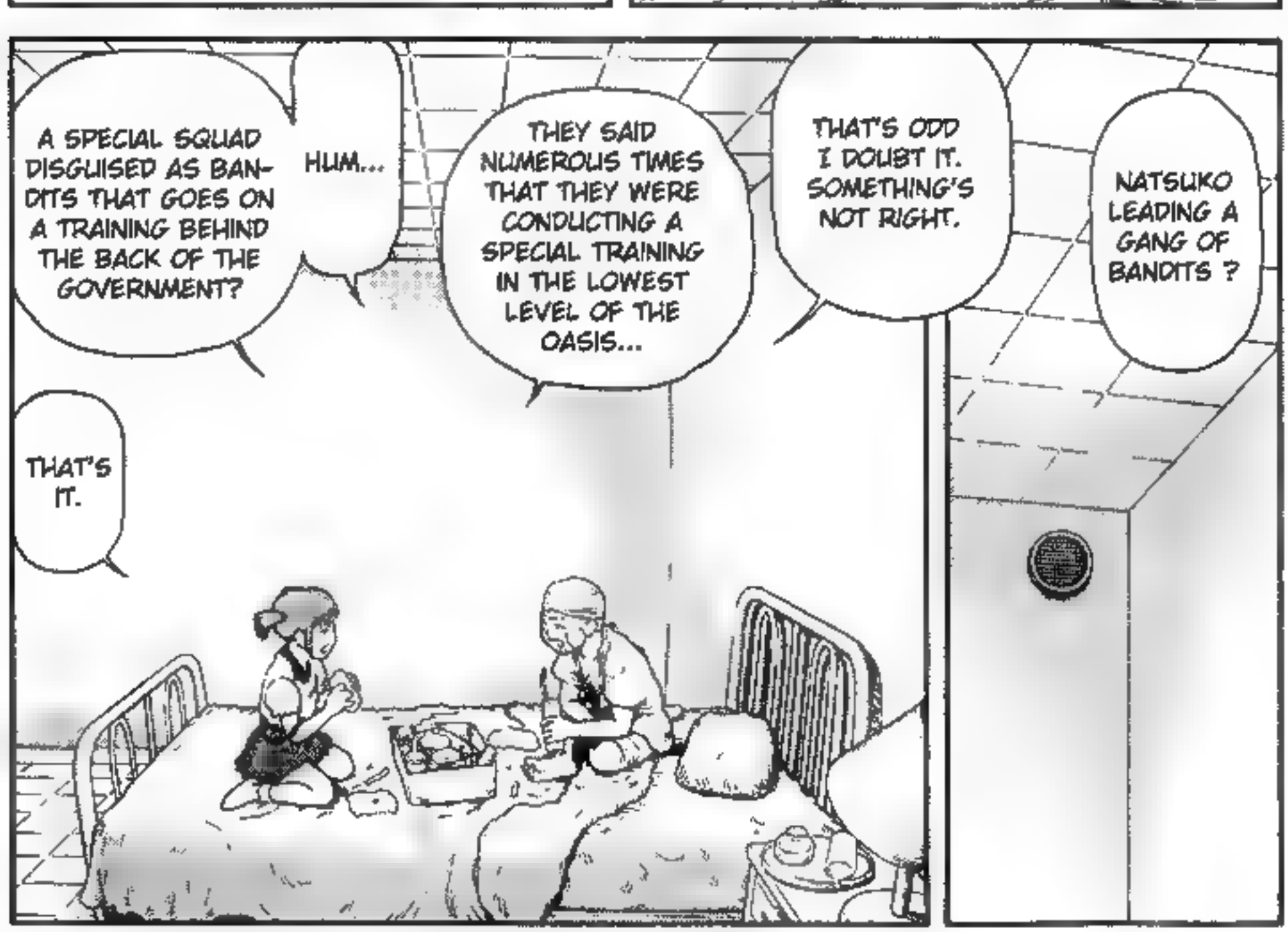
A SPECIAL SQUAD DISGUISED AS BANDITS THAT GOES ON A TRAINING BEHIND THE BACK OF THE GOVERNMENT?
HUM...
THEY SAID NUMEROUS TIMES THAT THEY WERE CONDUCTING A SPECIAL TRAINING IN THE LOWEST LEVEL OF THE OASIS...
THAT'S ODD I DOUBT IT. SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.
NATSUKO LEADING A GANG OF BANDITS ?
THAT'S IT.

AND THEY USED THE TRAINING ALIBI TO GO OUT AND PICK YOU UP AT THE LABYRINTH ENTRANCE.

FOOLING THE GOVERNMENT, THAT'S BOLD!

NATSUKO AND HER DISGUISED ACCOMPLICES' USUAL FIELD OF ACTION IS THE DESERT...

HI HI HI

I'M TREATED WELL, THE FOOD IS GOOD AND I CAN TAKE BATHS.

AS FOR ME, THEY PUT ME IN ANOTHER ROOM.

BECAUSE OF ALL YOUR WOUNDS AND YOUR FEVER, YOU SLEPT THREE DAYS STRAIGHT.

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW?

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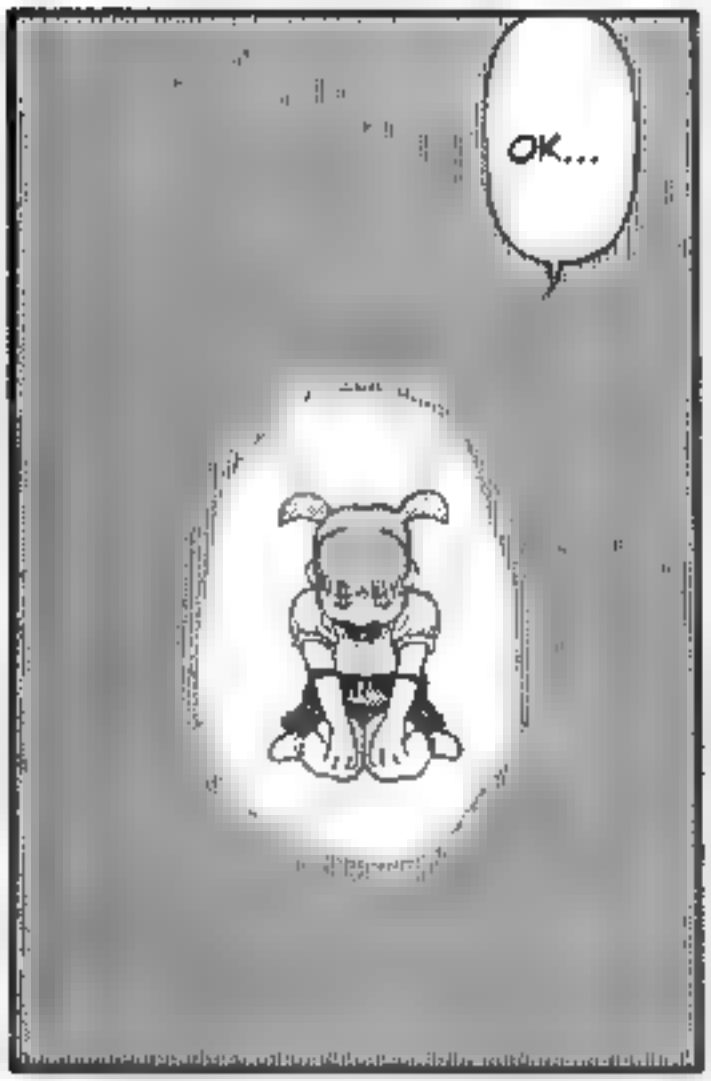
WE'RE AT THE LOWEST FLOOR.

AT FIRST SIGHT, IT SEEMS MODEST.

YES.

SO, WE'RE INSIDE THE OASIS?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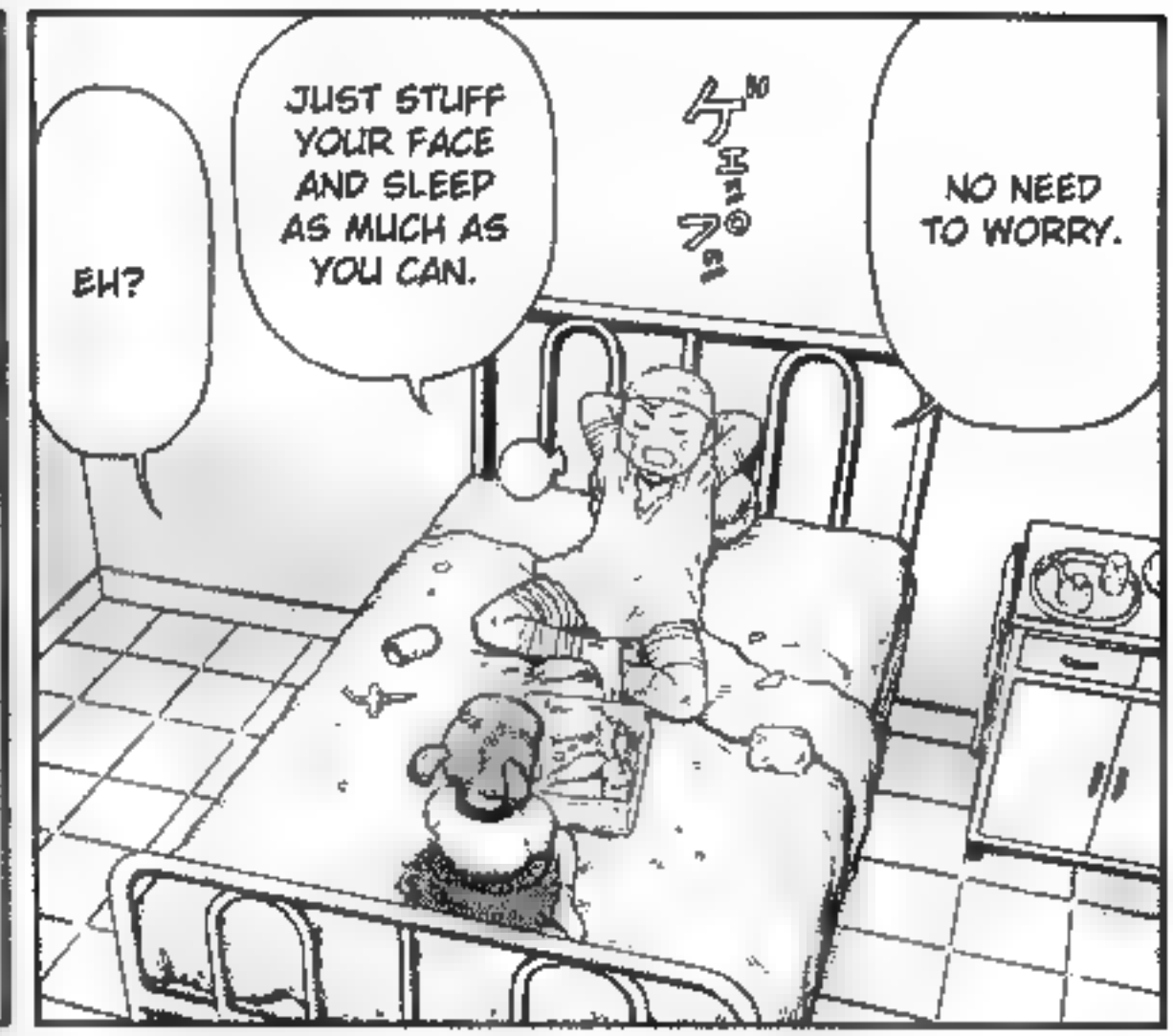
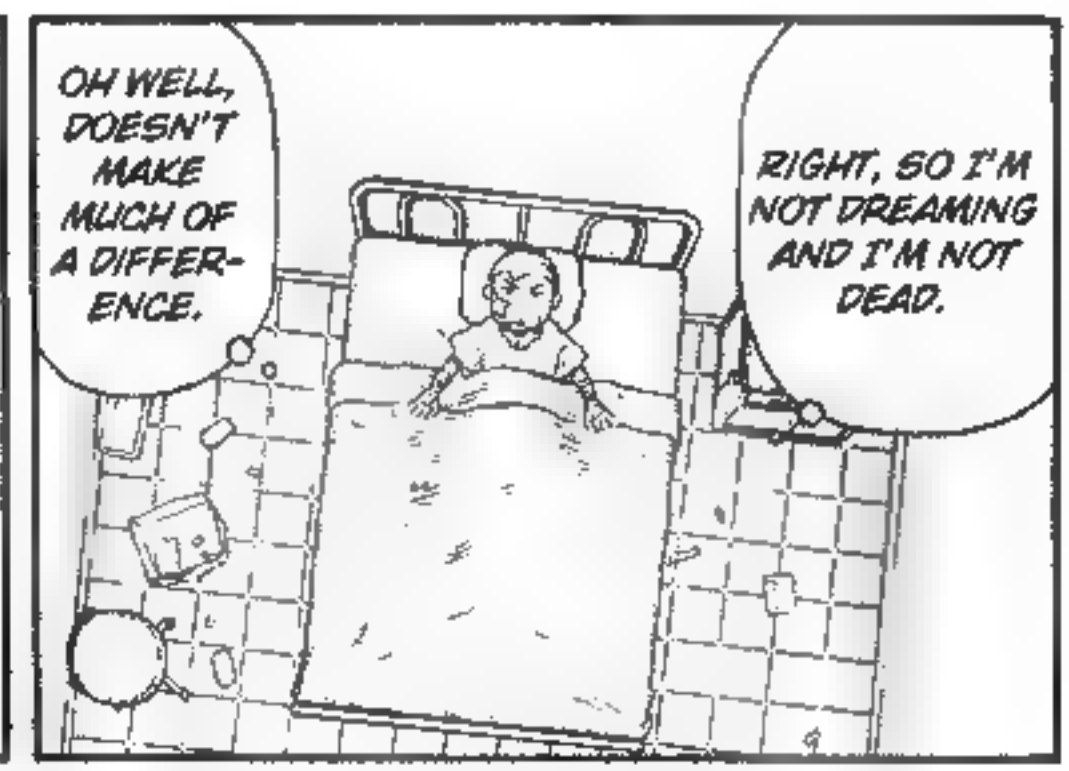

EH?
JUST STUFF YOUR FACE AND SLEEP AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.
NO NEED TO WORRY.


OH WELL, DOESN'T MAKE MUCH OF A DIFFER-ENCE.
RIGHT, SO I'M NOT DREAMING AND I'M NOT DEAD.

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MY STOMACH...
THAT'S HORRIBLE ...
AAH, IT HURTS...

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COME IN.

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DO I NEED TO SHOW YOU MY ASS TO THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE?
WHAT?

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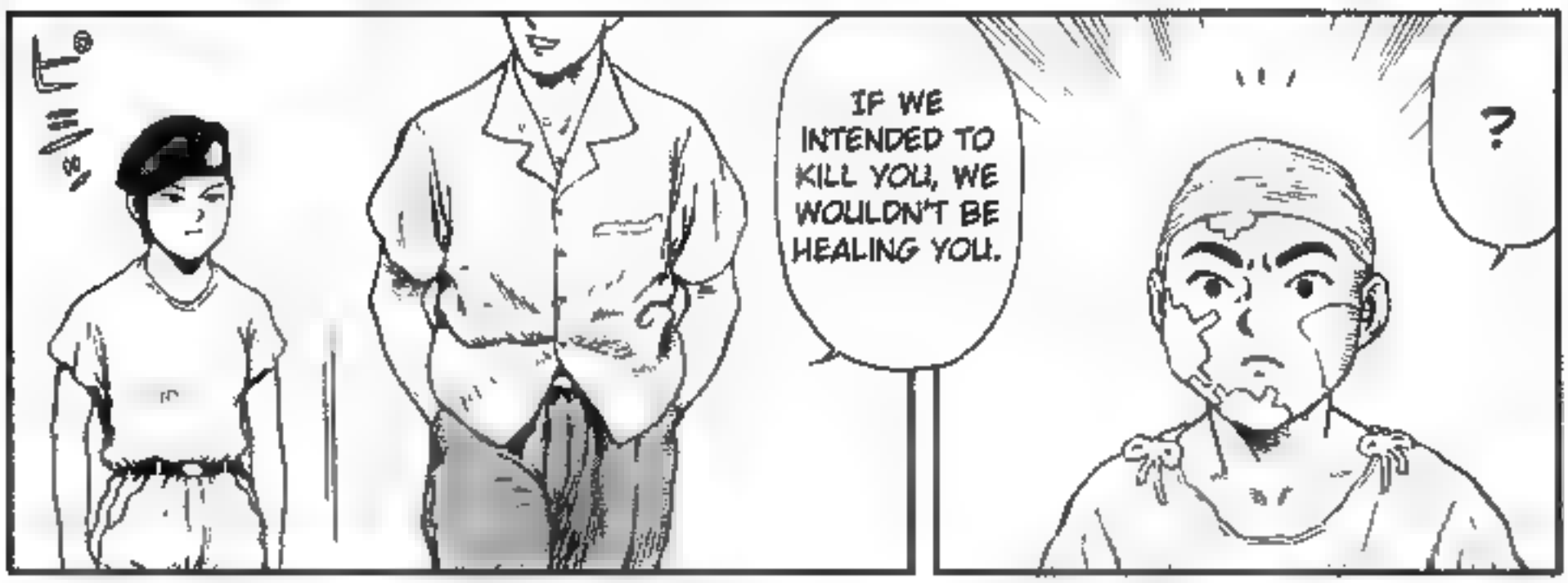
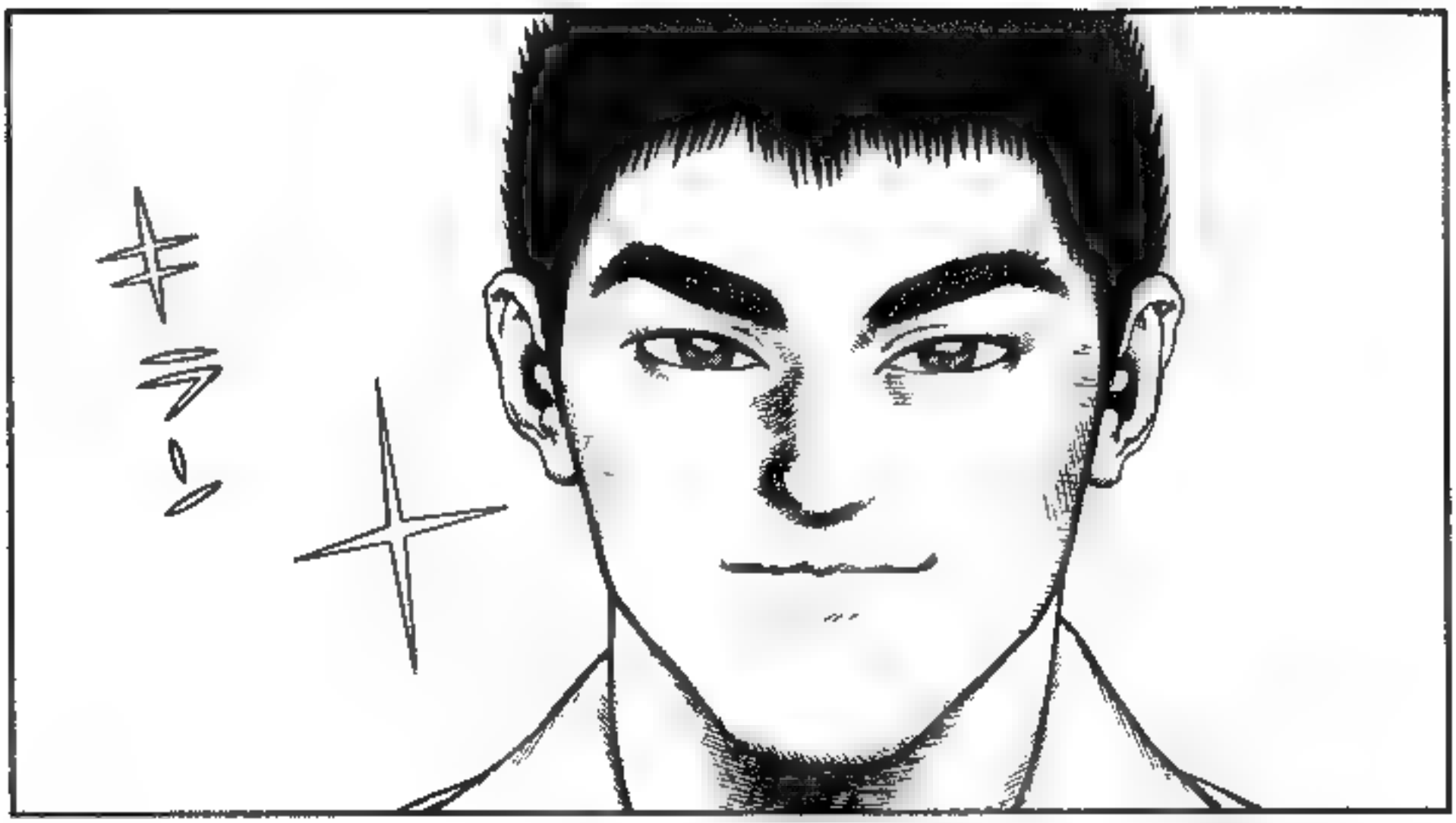
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU.
I'M SORRY...
OF THE ANKOKU ERA...
MY NAME IS IKEDA. I'M A SPECIALIST...
AH, YOU'RE THE OLD MAN.
HAS THE TIME OF THE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT COME?
THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO BE MASKED ANYMORE?
DOES THIS MEAN...
SO YOU'RE FINALLY SHOWING YOUR TRUE FACE.

THIS SUNABO-ZU.

EHEH! ALWAYS THE SAME...

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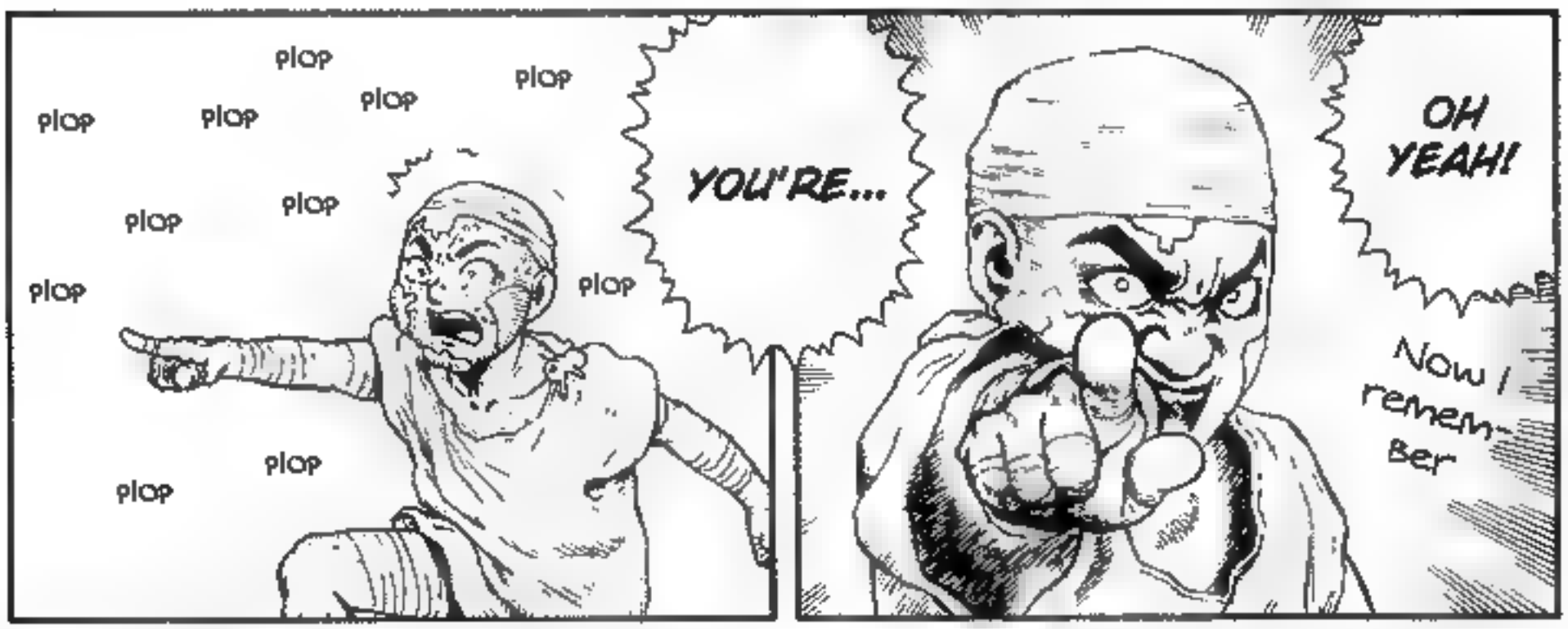
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YOU'RE...
OH YEAH!
Now I remem-ber

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?
AAAAH...

22nd, 23rd chapters
THE MISTER CLEAN WHO WANTS TO DEFEND THE WEAK AND DISCOURAGE THE STRONG!
THE DESERTER FROM THE OASIS!
MASARU KAIDO!
HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
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He is cleanliness-intolerant.
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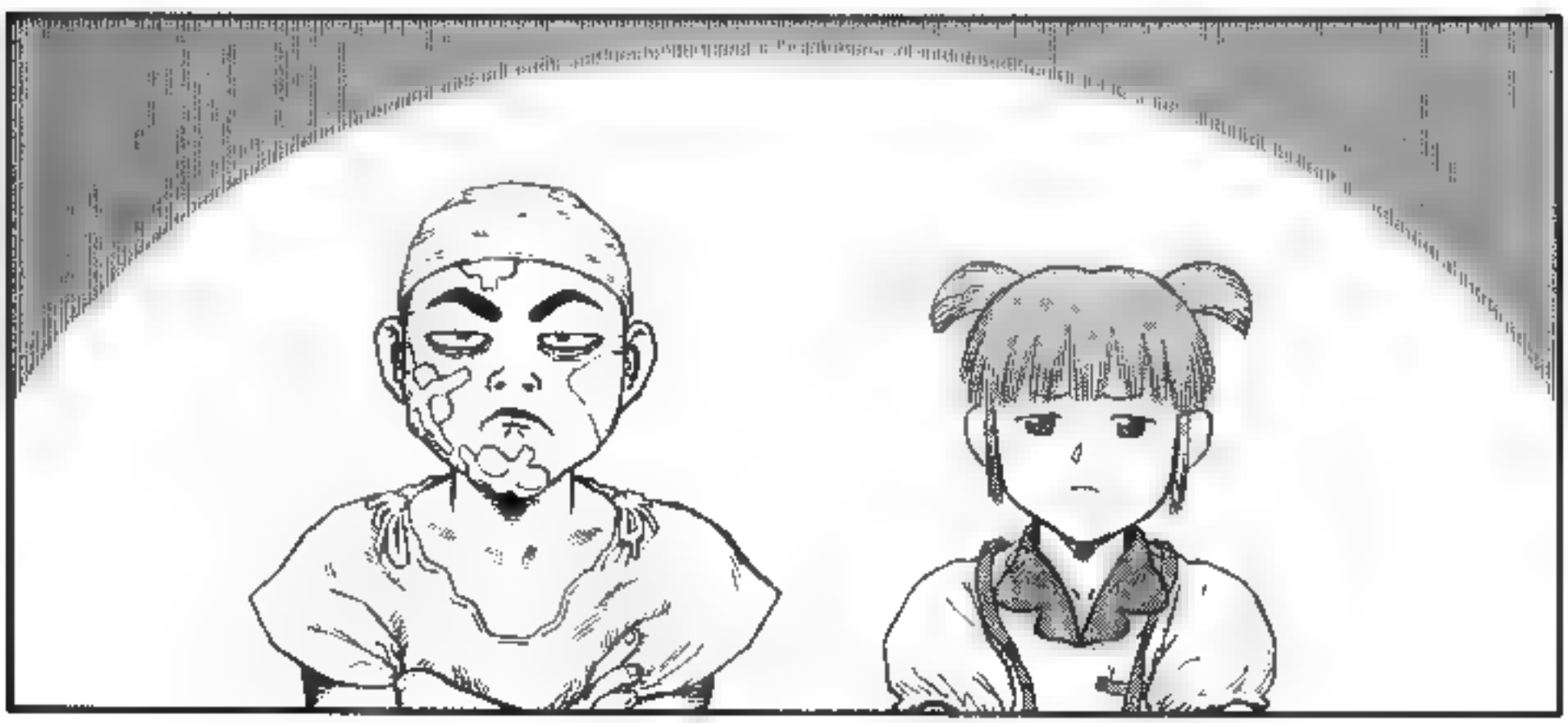

HE WAS RESCUED A MOMENT LATER.

MASTER, DIDN'T YOU SELL HIM TO A GAY SLAVER?

A RICH MAN'S SON WILL ALWAYS BE A RICH MAN'S SON.

PFU!

While feeling ashamed

BUT I WAS STILL UNDER ITS SURVEILLANCE.

AT THAT TIME, I WANTED TO CUT ALL RELATIONS WITH THE OASIS AND LIVE HOW I WISHED TO...

HAHA! I'M ONLY A SUBORDINATE.
SINCE YOU SAY YOU WANT TO HELP THE WEAK.
BY ANY CHANCE, ARE YOU THE HEAD OF THE OPPOSITION?
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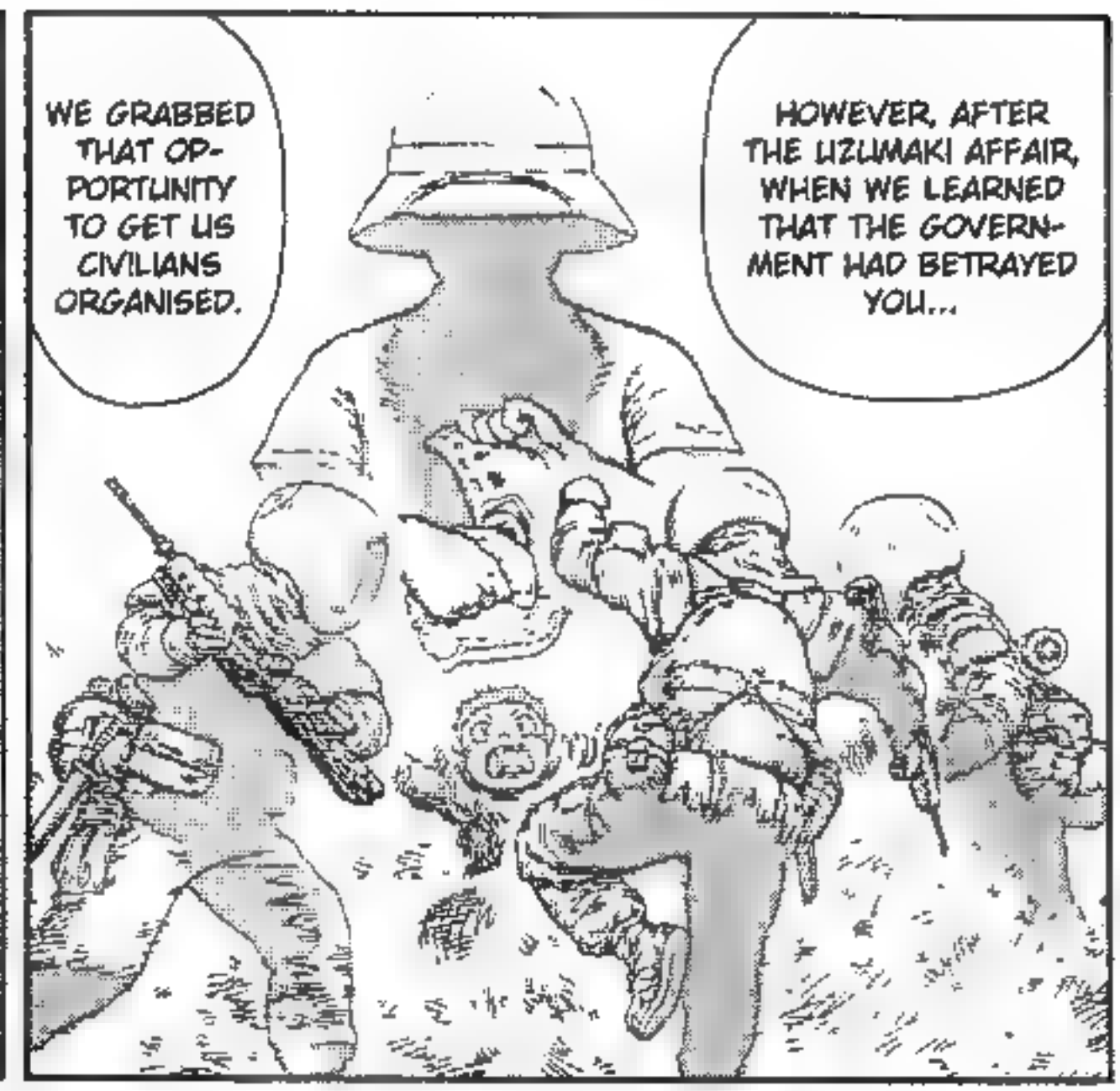
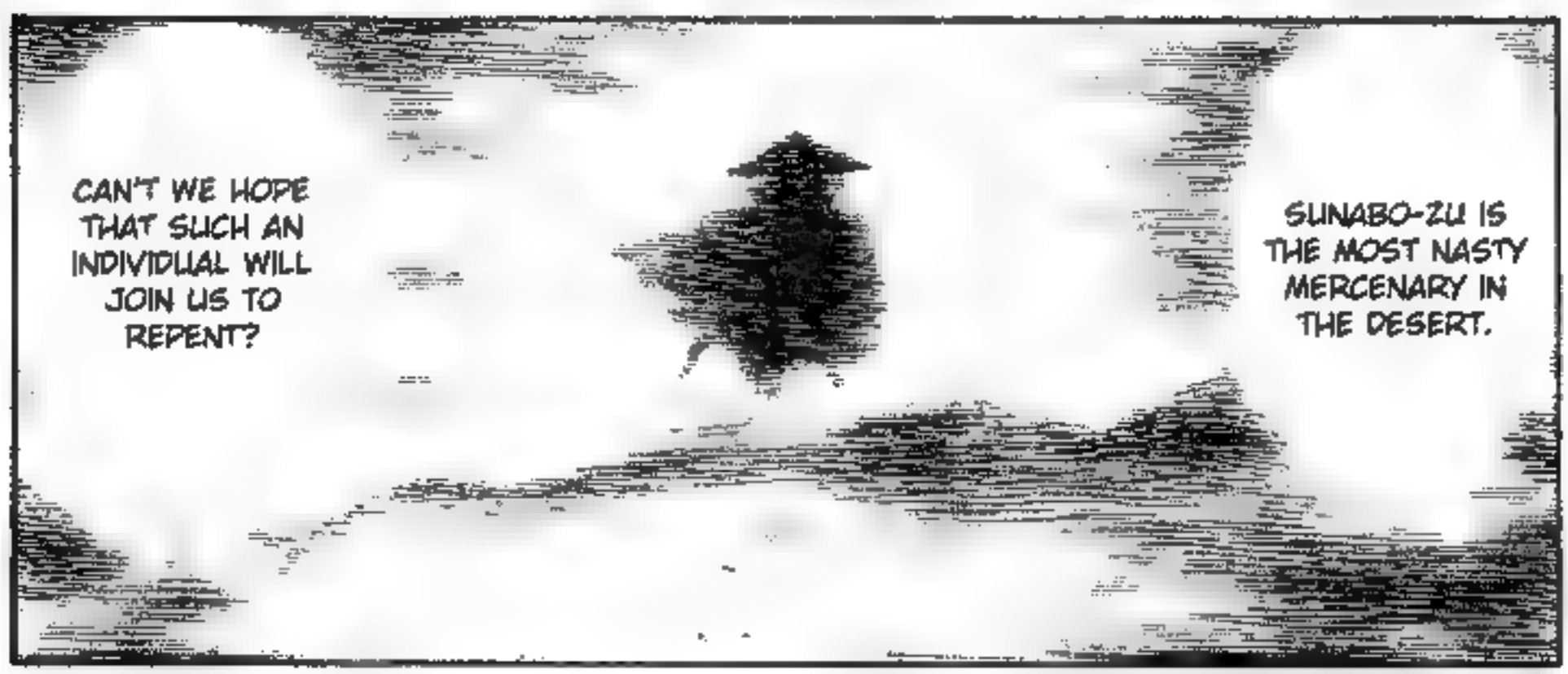
WE DON'T GIVE A FUCK ABOUT ALL THAT.
WE WERE SURE WE HAD MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.
OUR PLAN WAS TAKING THE HUMAN SIDE OF YOUR PERSONALITY INTO ACCOUNT...
HOW CAN WE APOLOGIZE?
ME TOO, THANKS TO YOU.
WE'VE GOT BIGGER PROBLEMS.

THE WORST WAS AVOIDED.
IT WAS FORTUNATE THAT OUR BOSS SAW IT COMING.
PHEW...


WE GRABBED THAT OP-PORTUNITY TO GET US CIVILIANS ORGANISED.
HOWEVER, AFTER THE UZUMAKI AFFAIR, WHEN WE LEARNED THAT THE GOVERN-MENT HAD BETRAYED YOU...

AND AT LAST HE APPEARED.
WE WERE WAITING FOR A SUPERMAN TO JOIN OUR GROUP.
OH YEAH?
ACTUALLY, WE CONSIDER YOU AS A PERSON OF GREAT VALUE.


CAN'T WE HOPE THAT SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL WILL JOIN US TO REPENT?
SUNABO-ZU IS THE MOST NASTY MERCENARY IN THE DESERT.

WHY SHOULD I REPENT?

WHAT A LOAD OF BULL!

I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED FOR.

WHO'S THE IMBECILE THAT MADE YOU THINK THAT?

TO...

REPENT?!

KAORU KAIZUKA SAN.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY "THE GAME OF LIFE".

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YOU HELPED HIM GET HIS HANDS BACK ON A ROBOT, DIDN'T YOU?

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WE'VE BEEN SOLD!
WE'RE SCREWED!
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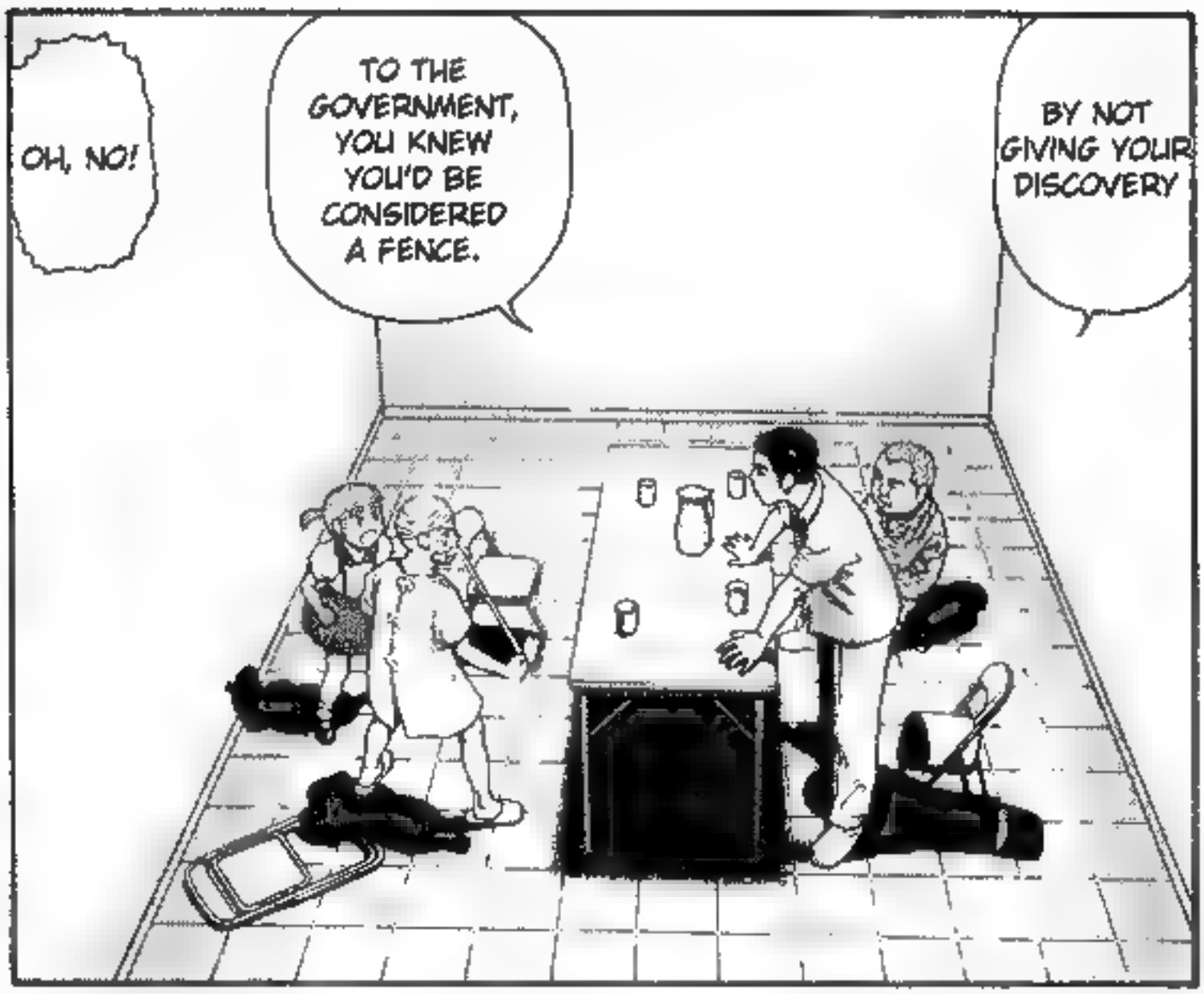
OH, NO!
TO THE GOVERNMENT, YOU KNEW YOU'D BE CONSIDERED A FENCE.
BY NOT GIVING YOUR DISCOVERY

I DIDN'T BETRAY THE GOVERNMENT.
IT WAS A MISTAKE TO INVOLVE ME.
L... LISTEN...

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HEY!
N... NOT SO FAST!

YOU MAKE A PRETTY GOOD TRAITOR.
RECEIVING MONEY IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR SILENCE IS NO SMALL MATTER...

THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING.
DON'T WORRY, ONLY OUR SUPPORTERS KNOW ABOUT THE ROBOT AFFAIR.

YOU'RE SCARED, AREN'T YOU?
HEHE! HE'S VEXED.
HOU!
You're one to talk.
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU'RE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT TOO!
YOU SON OF A...!

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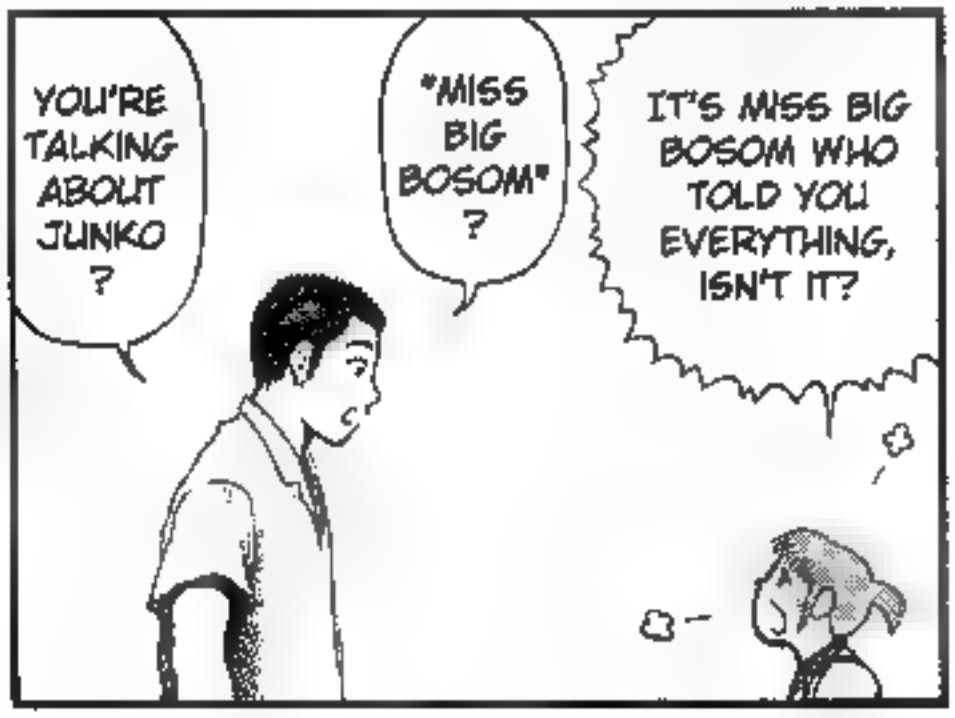
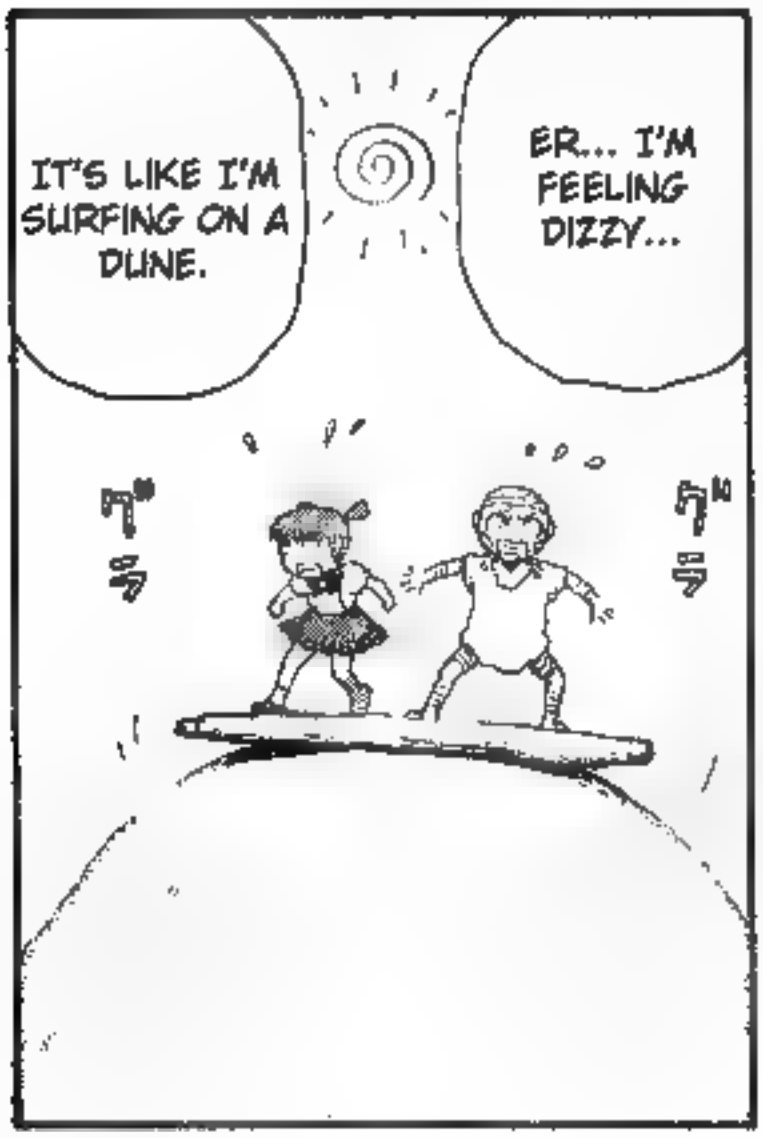
AH, OK...
NO, WE'VE KNOWN ABOUT IT FOR A LONG TIME.


YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT JUNKO ?
"MISS BIG BOSOM" ?
IT'S MISS BIG BOSOM WHO TOLD YOU EVERYTHING, ISN'T IT?


IT'S LIKE I'M SURFING ON A DUNE.
ER... I'M FEELING DIZZY...

YES, OUR GROUP KEEPS AN EYE ON KAIZUKA SAN'S COMPANY TO PREVENT ANY LEAK CONCERNING THAT ROBOT.
WHAT?
IF YOU STAYED ALIVE UP UNTIL NOW, IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE UNDER OUR PROTECTION.

EVEN IF OUR INFLUENCE GROWS, HIS SUPPORT WILL BE VALUABLE.

THAT MAN ALSO HAS A LOT OF CONNECTIONS.

THAT KAZUKI, HE'S SMART.

AS FOR US, WITH THE RESOURCES WE'VE DISCOVERED UNDERGOUND, WE'LL BE MORE POWERFUL.

KAIZUKA SAN HAS THE ROBOT AS WELL AS AN EXTENSIVE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE...

THAT'S NOT SERIOUS COMING FROM HIM.

Hmm

THAT GUY'S A MORON TO LISTEN TO SOME DUBIOUS HEARSAY.

PFU... NO MATTER HOW GOOD HE IS...

ALL IN ALL, HE TRIES TO USE US AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

HEHE! THAT'S MORE LIKE HIM.

TO TELL THE TRUTH, HE MUDDIED THE WATERS BY NOT GIVING A STRAIGHT ANSWER.

BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY GUARANTEE TO GIVE IN RETURN.

WE NEED HIS SUPPORT.

HOWEVER, EVEN IF HE THINKS THAT WAY...

TO KNOW THE ULTERIOR MOTIVES OF THAT OLD FART.

TO THINK WE ALMOST KICKED THE BUCKET...

I SEE.

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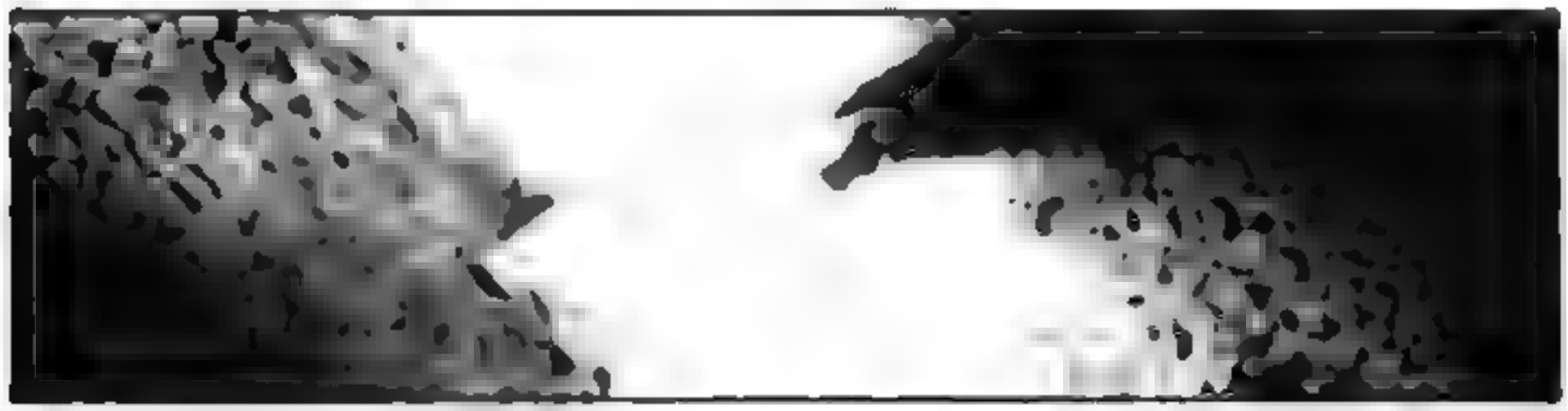
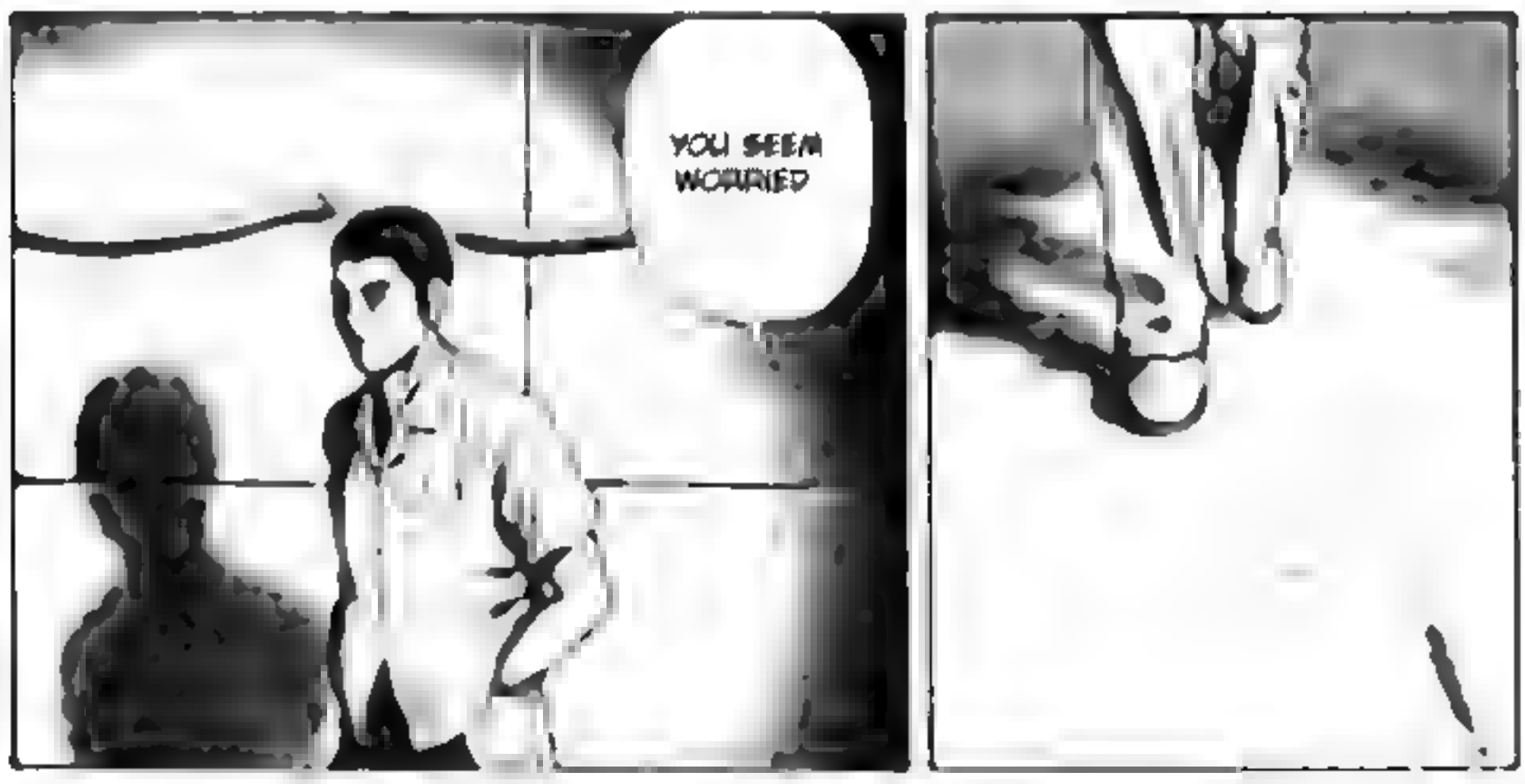
IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE TO DIE LAUGHING AT FLIES' FARTS.

HUH?!

ALL OF THIS IS BULLSHIT.

BUNCH OF DUMBASS.




YOU SEEM WORRIED

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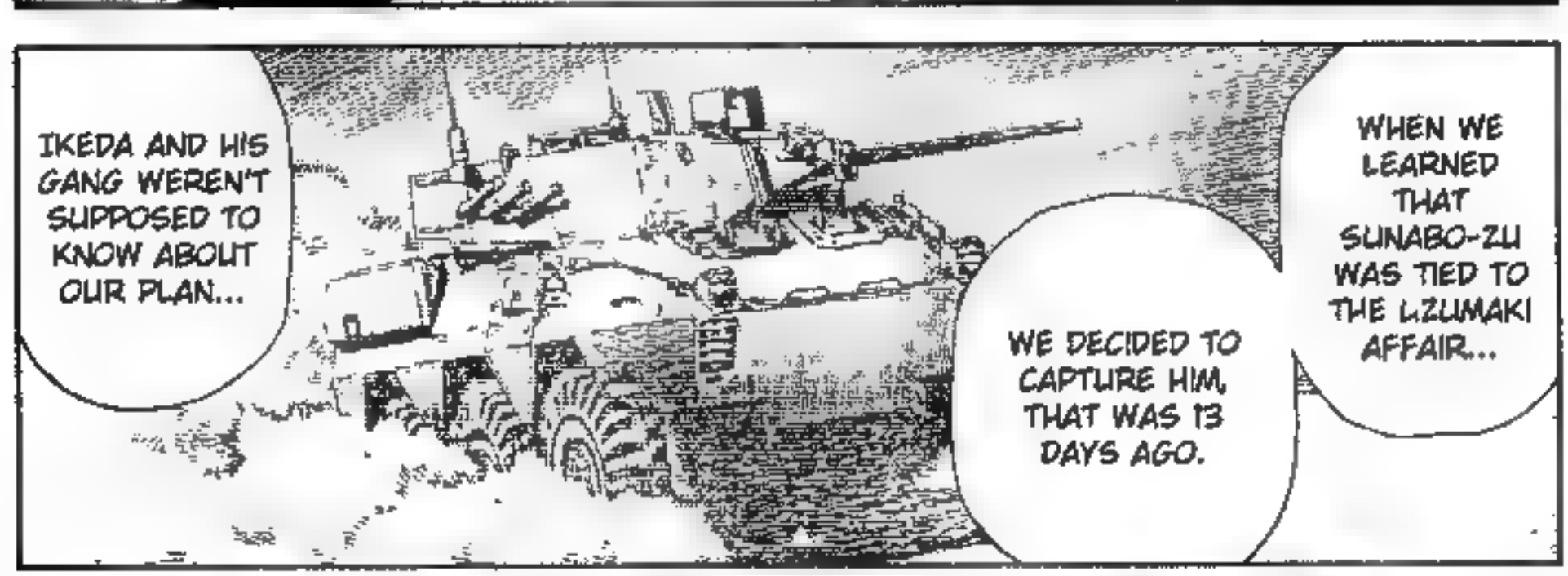
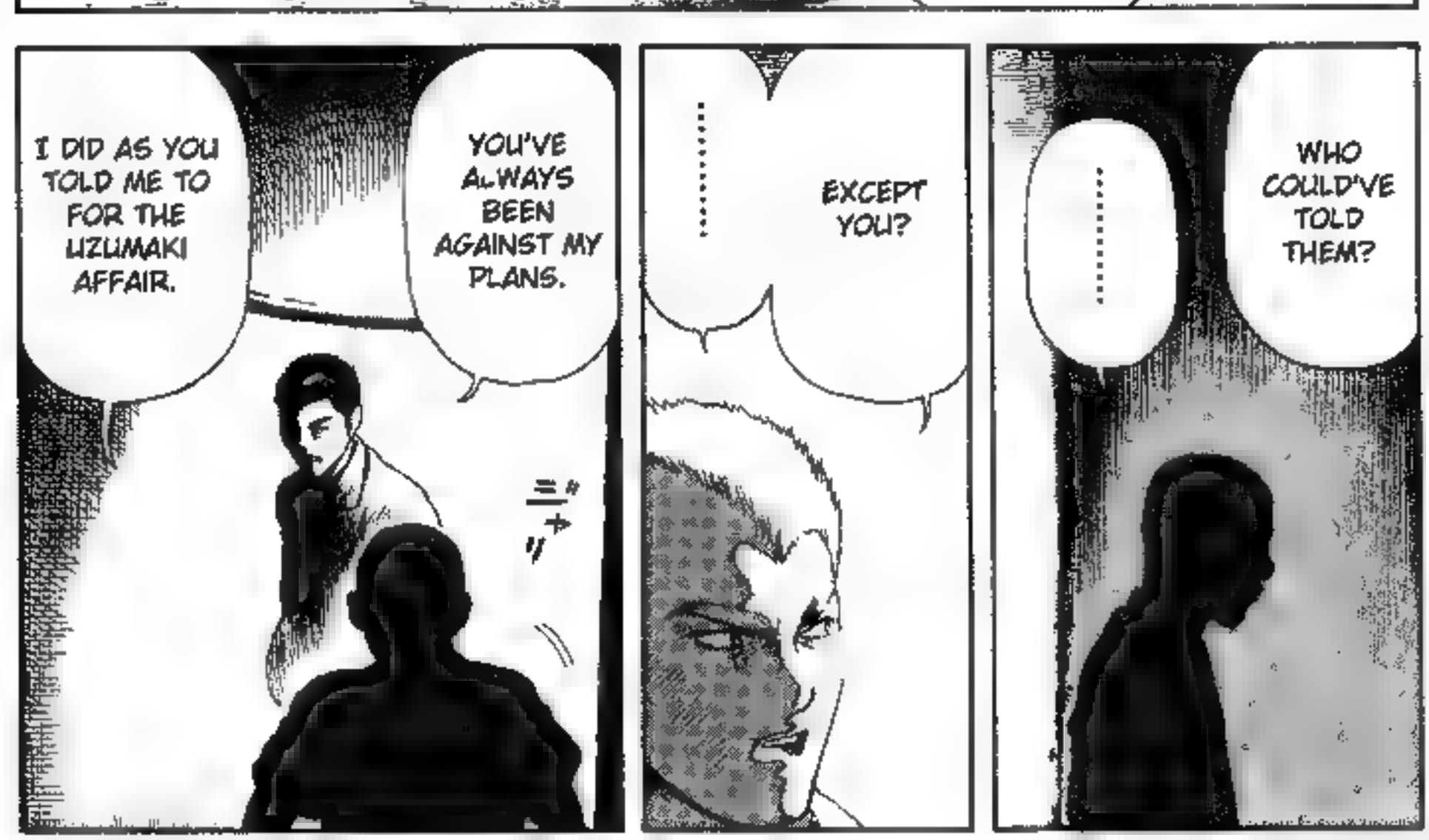
THERE ARE A LOT OF WAYS TO CRACK THIS NUT.


IKEDA AND HIS GANG WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR PLAN...
WE DECIDED TO CAPTURE HIM, THAT WAS 13 DAYS AGO.
WHEN WE LEARNED THAT SUNABO-ZU WAS TIED TO THE UZUMAKI AFFAIR...


I DID AS YOU TOLD ME TO FOR THE UZUMAKI AFFAIR.
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN AGAINST MY PLANS.
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EXCEPT YOU?
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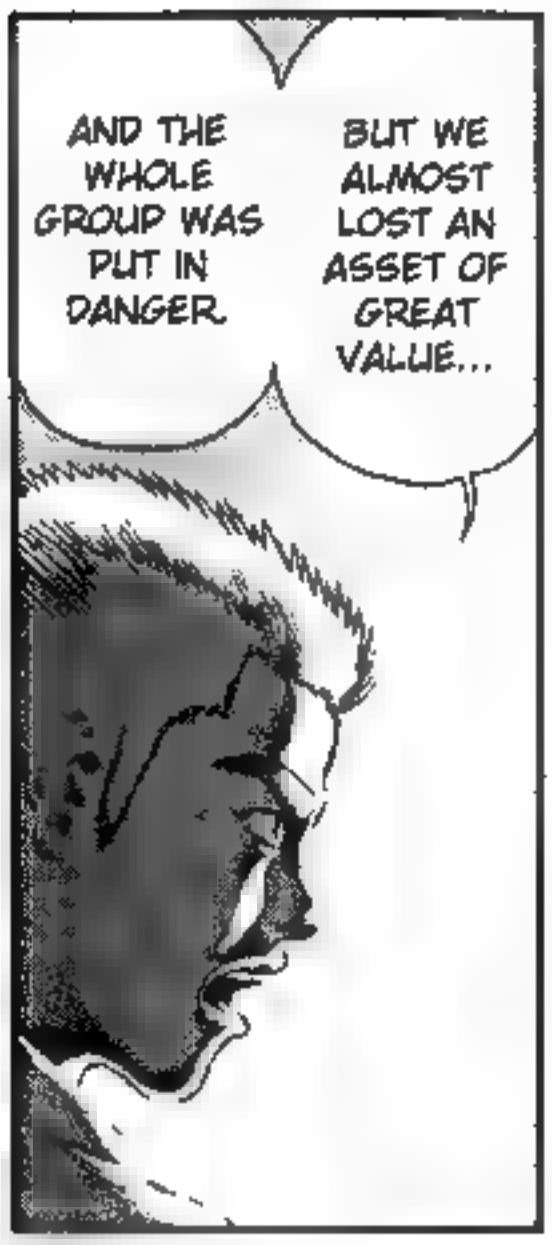
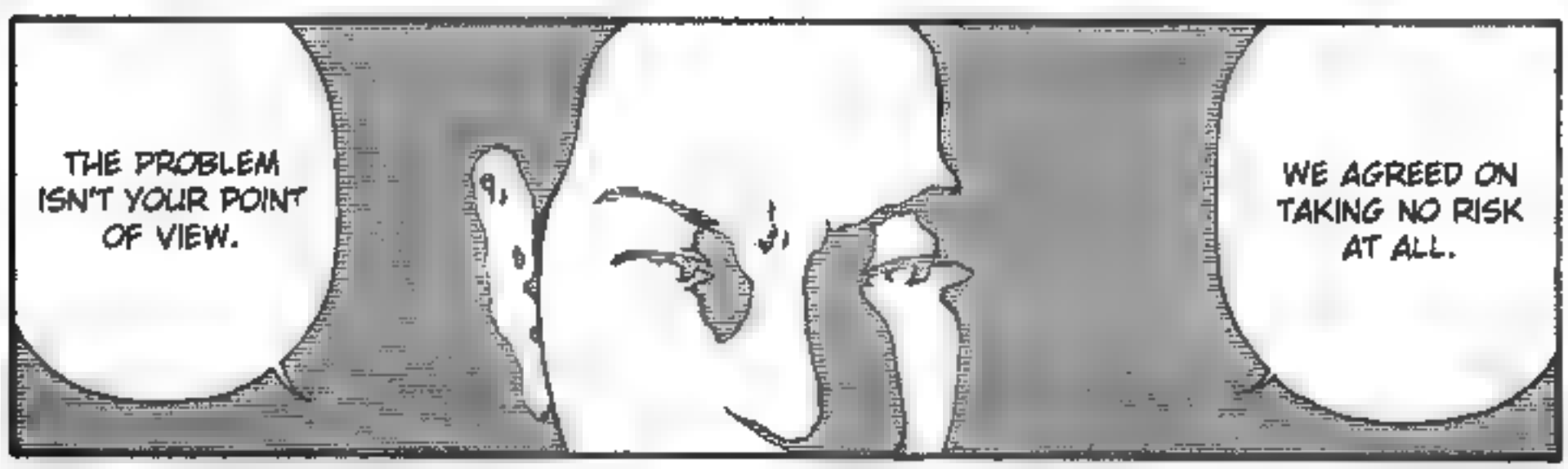
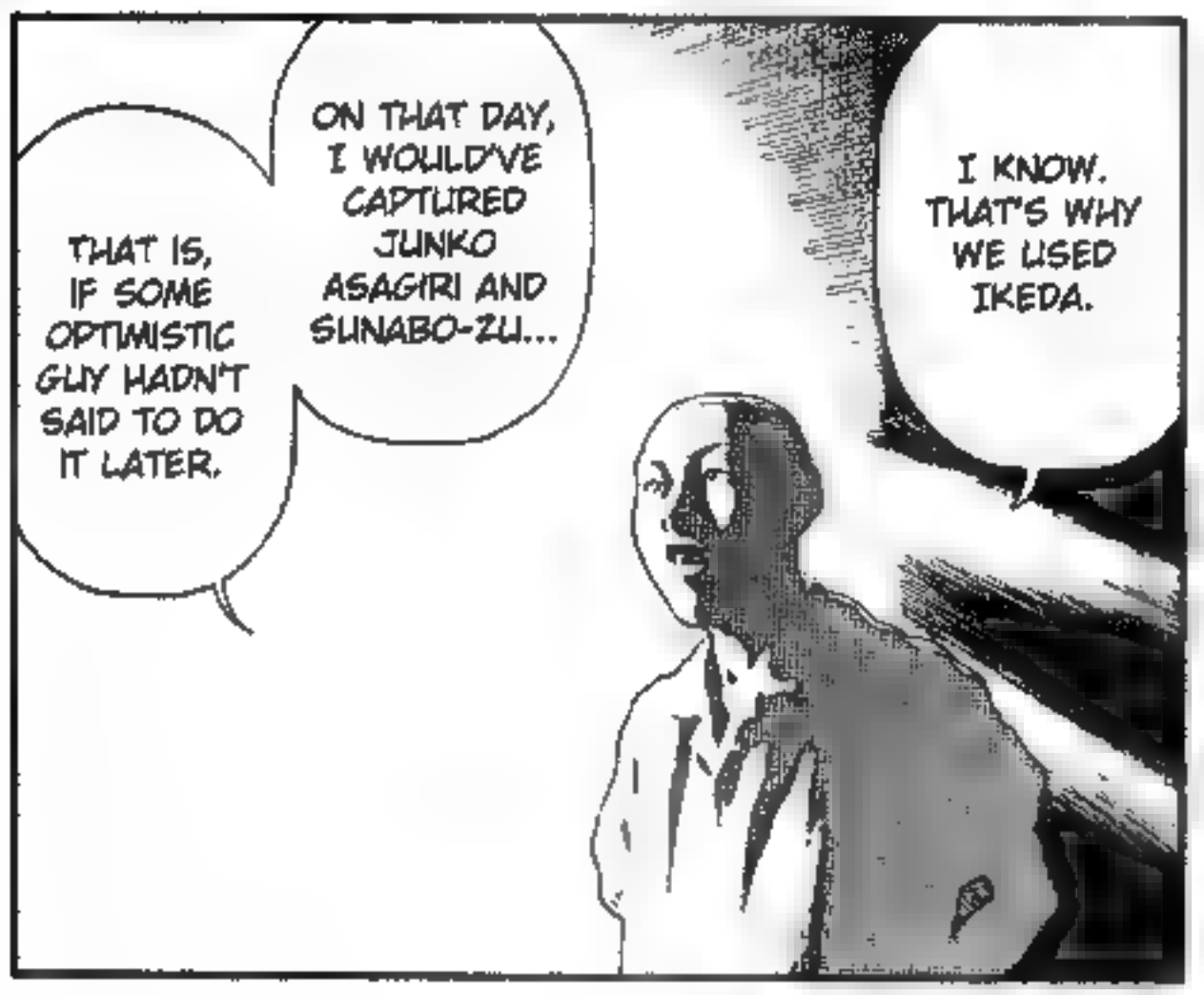
WHO COULD'VE TOLD THEM?


AND THE WHOLE GROUP WAS PUT IN DANGER.
BUT WE ALMOST LOST AN ASSET OF GREAT VALUE...

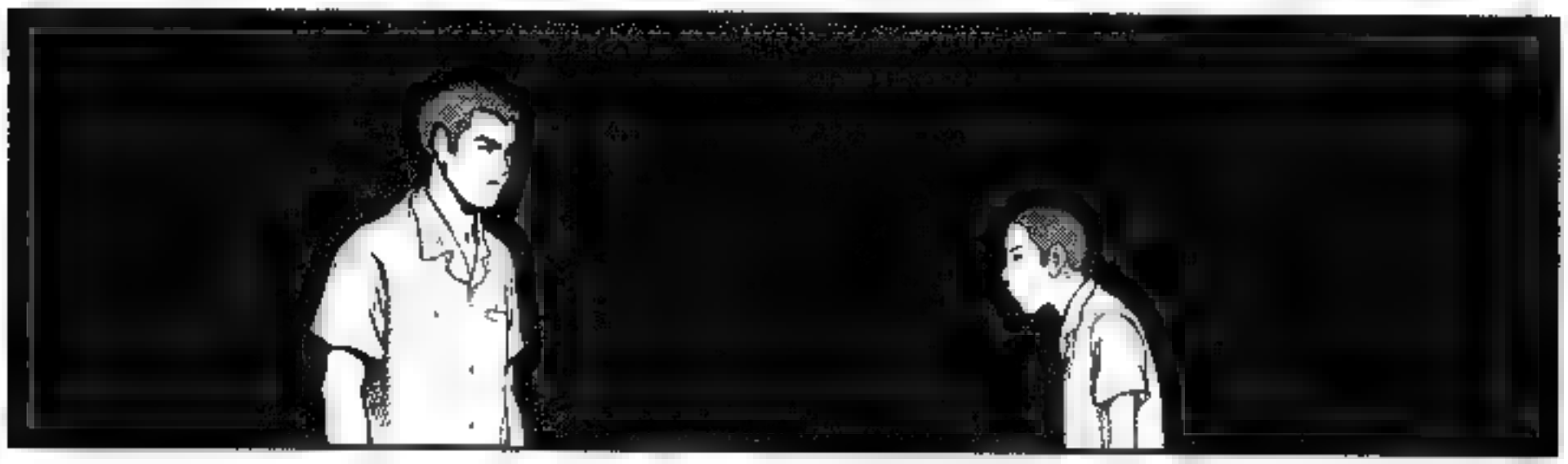
WE DID GET OUR HANDS ON HIM SOONER THAN EXPECTED.
WHAT'S THE PROB-LEM?


THE PROBLEM ISN'T YOUR POINT OF VIEW.
WE AGREED ON TAKING NO RISK AT ALL.


THAT IS, IF SOME OPTIMISTIC GUY HADN'T SAID TO DO IT LATER.
ON THAT DAY, I WOULD'VE CAPTURED JUNKO ASAGIRI AND SUNABO-ZU...
I KNOW. THAT'S WHY WE USED IKEDA.

WE AGREED NOT TO DO IT THE OLD WAY.

AS I SEE FIT.
I DO
WE'VE GOT NO TIME TO LOOSE.



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Here's your meal!
HI THERE! ♡

Oooh.
I can't get enough of it.
They're so beau-tiful.

NOT AT ALL, IT'S THAT OF A WAITRESS.
YOU'VE GOT THE SAME OUTFIT AS TAIKO NOW?
I'M BRINGING YOUR MEAL.

AH...
OH, I SEE THAT YOU'RE GETTING BETTER.

DON'T BE SO SURE.
IT'S NOT GOING TO LAST LONG.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU JOINED THEIR GROUP.

HUM...
SAY, THEY DIDN'T ASK YOU TO CONVINCE ME, DID THEY?
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THAT WOULD BE POINTLESS. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CRUSH THEM.
THEY HOPE TO MASS PRODUCE A ROBOT AND SELL IT BEHIND THE BACK OF THE GOVERNMENT.
It's scary

YOU THINK SO?
WHAT THEY WANT TO ACCOMPLISH IS INTERESTING.

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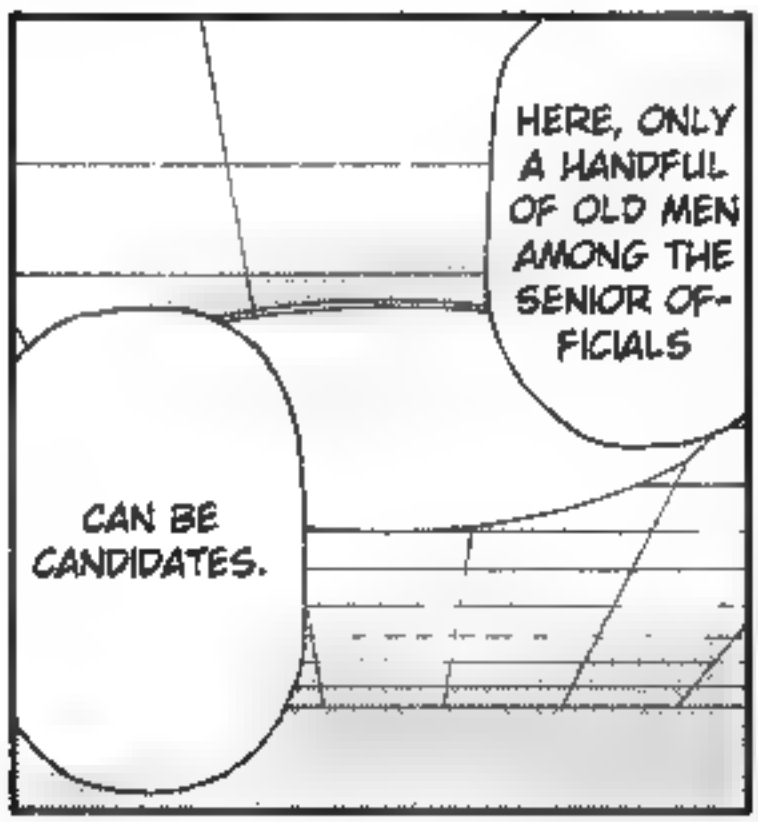
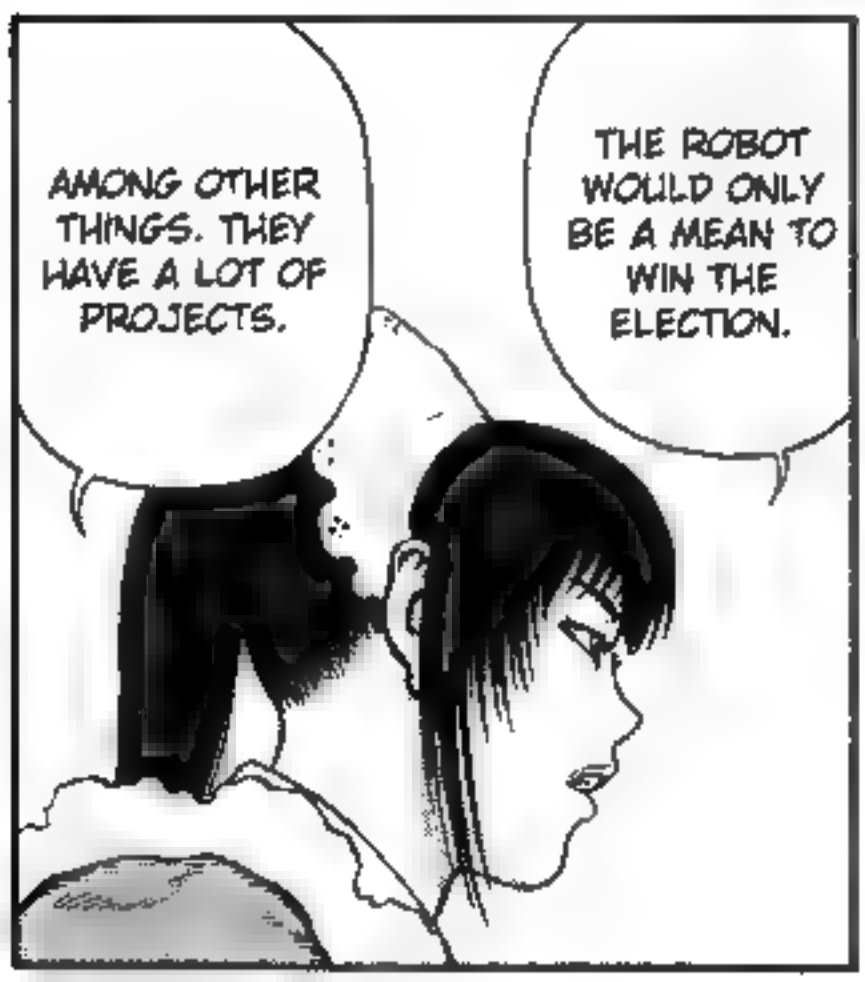
IT'S FOR THE ELECTIONS.


HERE, ONLY A HANDFUL OF OLD MEN AMONG THE SENIOR OFFICIALS
CAN BE CANDIDATES.

WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE VOTES.
YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU CHOOSE AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE, LIKE THE HEAD OF A VILLAGE...
選挙


AMONG OTHER THINGS. THEY HAVE A LOT OF PROJECTS.
THE ROBOT WOULD ONLY BE A MEAN TO WIN THE ELECTION.

IF THEY REGROUPED, IT'S ONLY TO MAKE IT SO THAT THE CANDIDATE THEY SUPPORT WILL WIN.
AND THE ONE THAT GETS ELECTED WILL RULE THE OASIS THE WAY HE WANTS. IT'S CRAZY, DON'T YOU THINK?
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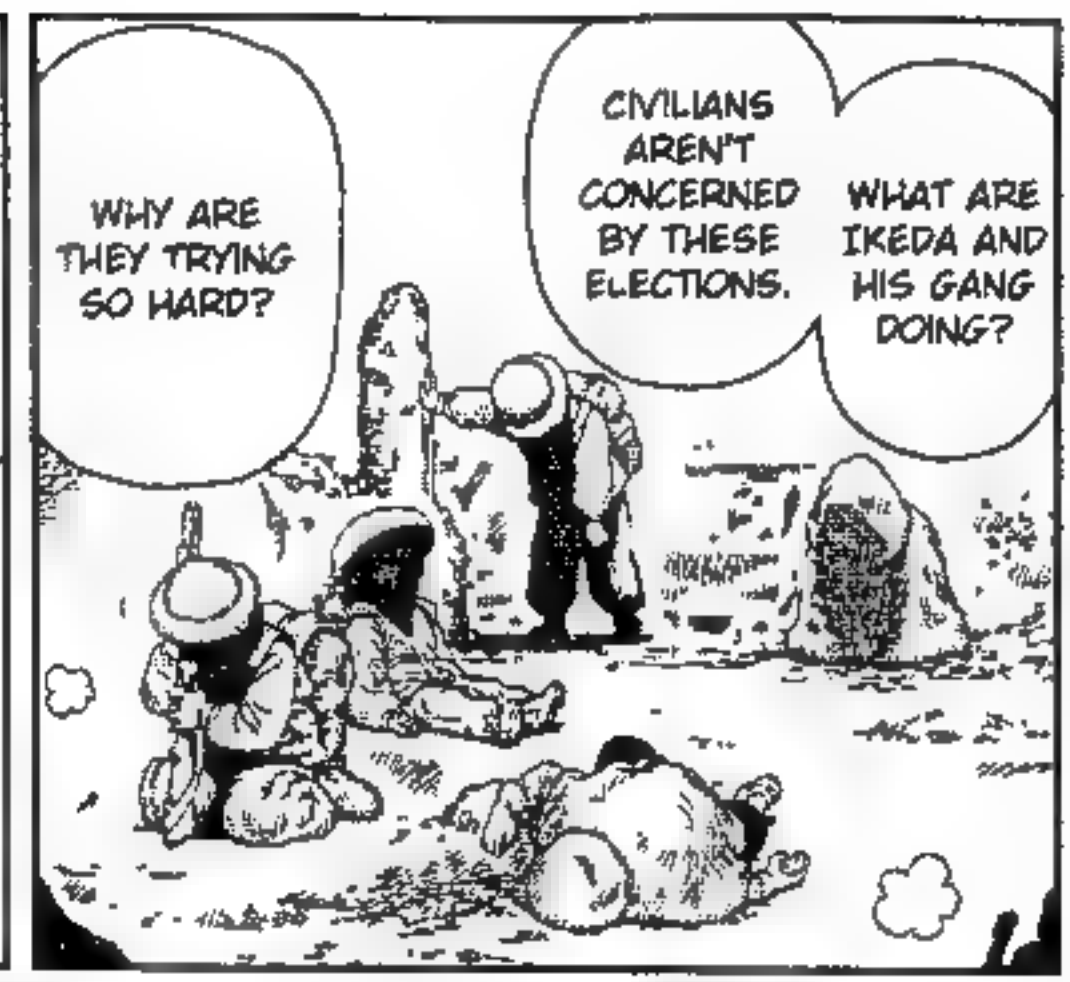
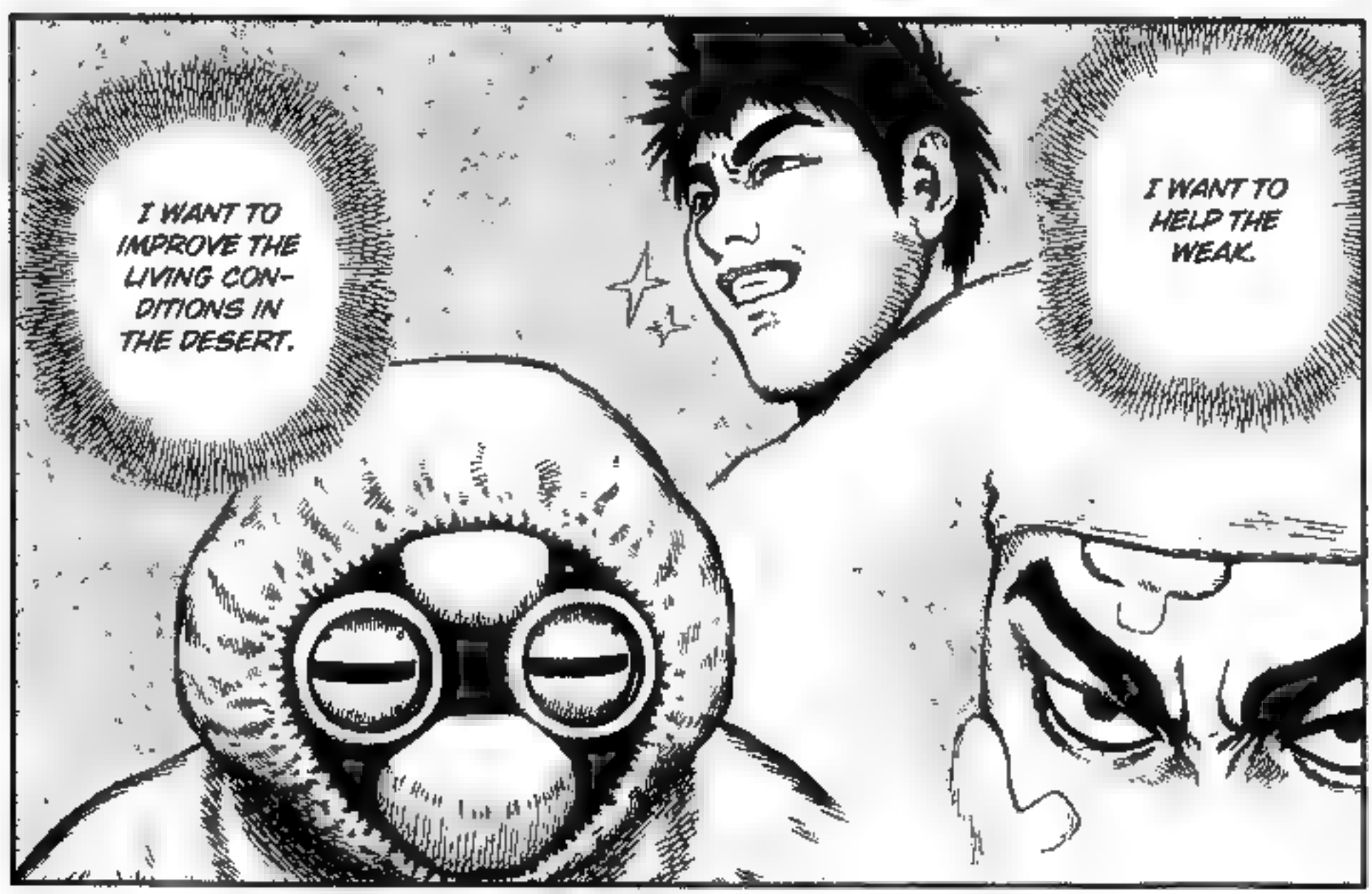
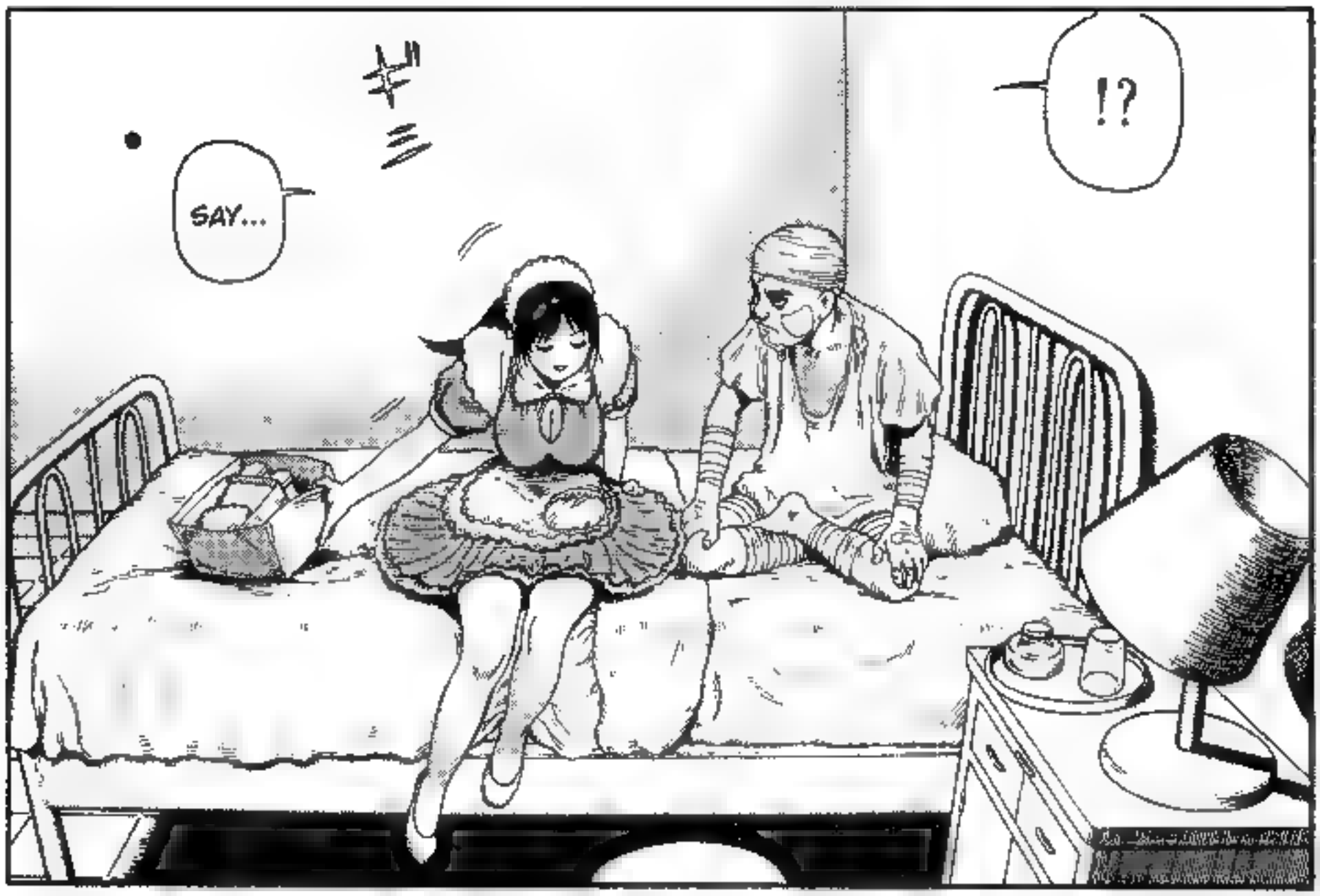
TO GIVE CIVILIANS THE RIGHT TO VOTE.


WHY ARE THEY TRYING SO HARD?
CIVILIANS AREN'T CONCERNED BY THESE ELECTIONS.
WHAT ARE IKEDA AND HIS GANG DOING?

THAT'S WHAT THEY TOLD ME WHEN I JOINED THEIR GROUP.
THE DESERT'S INHABITANTS COULD VOTE?


I WANT TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE DESERT.
I WANT TO HELP THE WEAK.


SAY...
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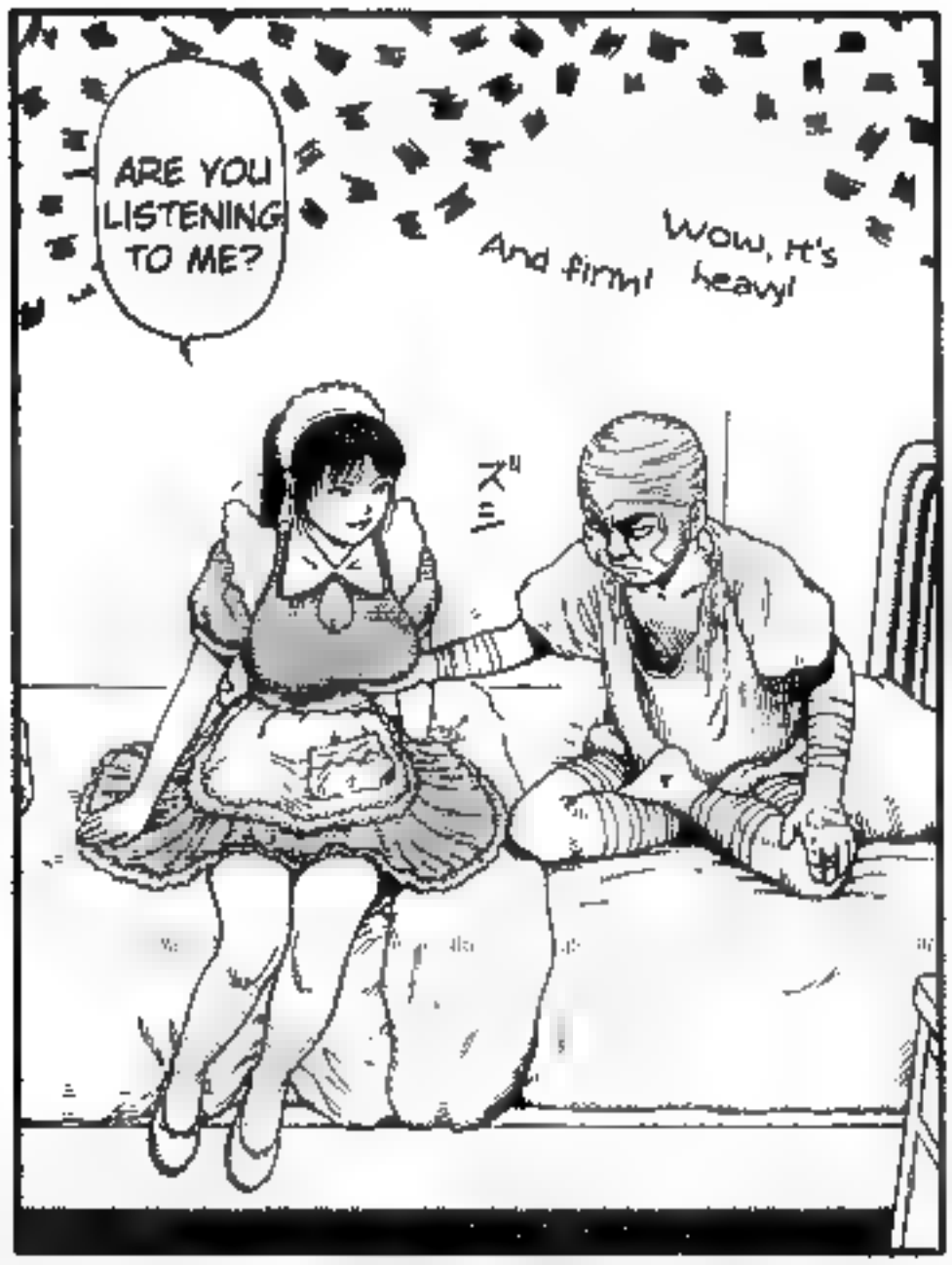
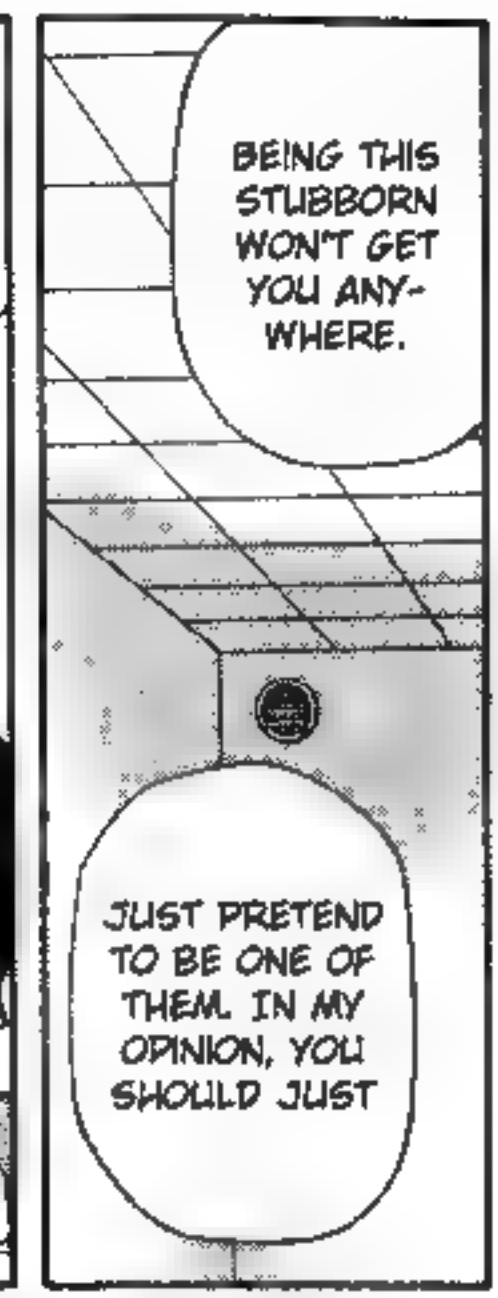
DON'T YOU WANT TO HELP US?

WHAT'S MORE, YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE.
IS ELECTED, WE COULD EARN A LOT OF MONEY.
IF THEIR CANDI-DATE


ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
Wow, it's heavy!
And firm!

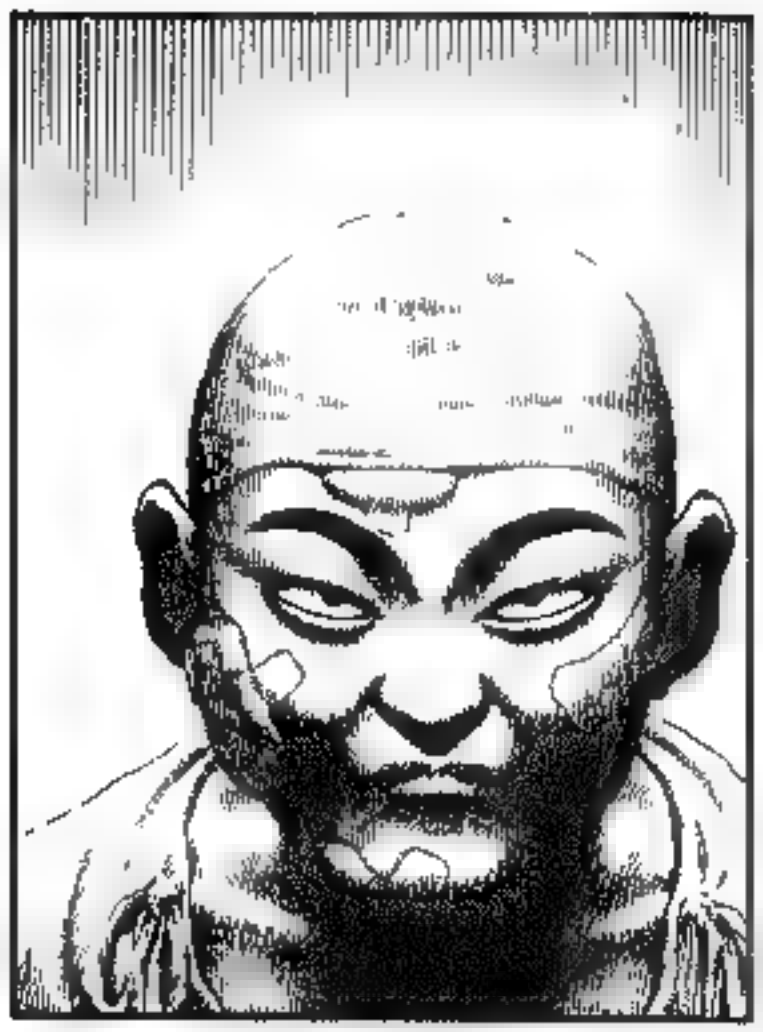
USE THEM.
PLUS, YOU'RE FAR MORE INTELLIGENT THAN THEM.

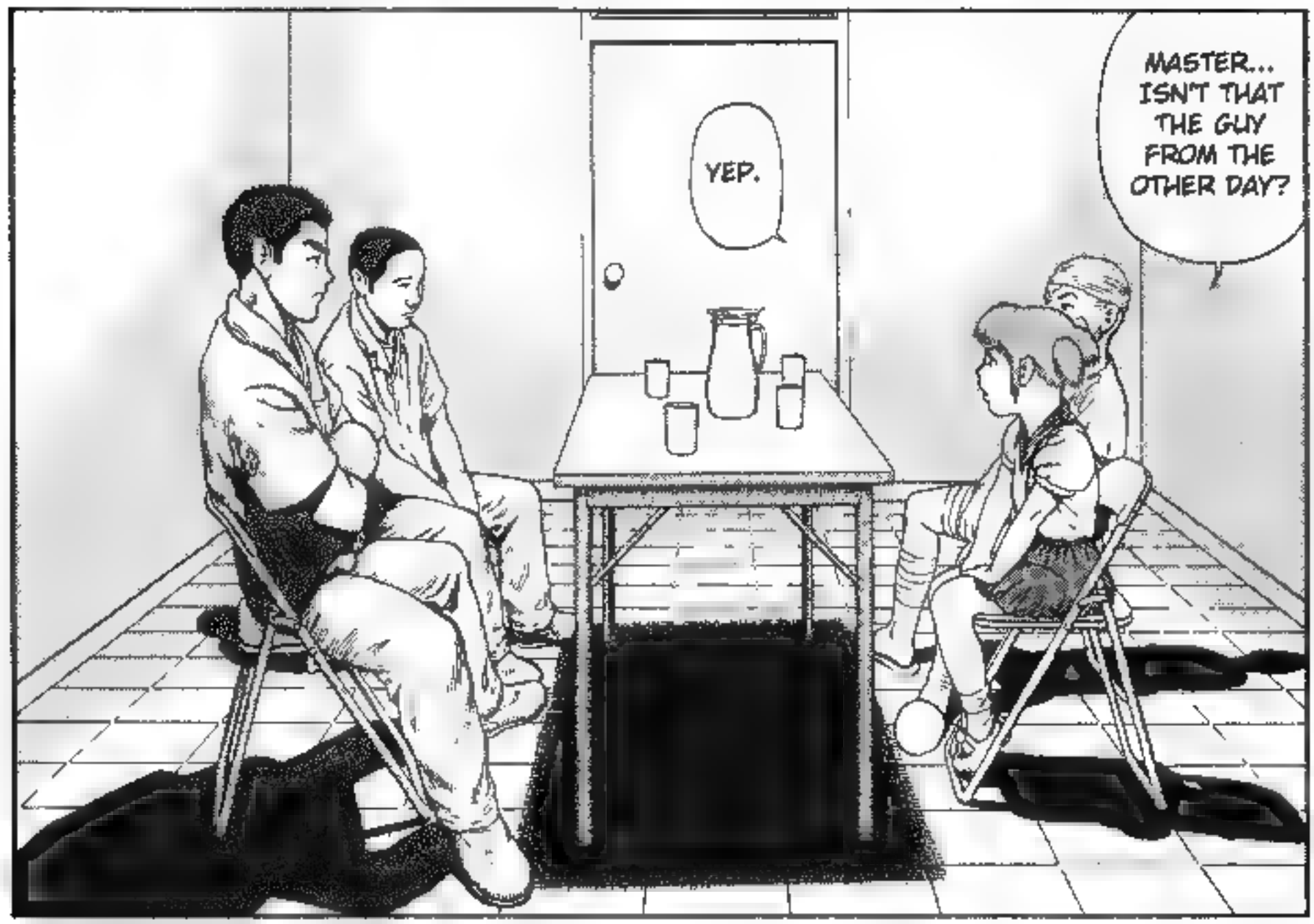

BEING THIS STUBBORN WON'T GET YOU ANY-WHERE.
JUST PRETEND TO BE ONE OF THEM. IN MY OPINION, YOU SHOULD JUST

IT DEPENDS HOW MUCH.
WILL YOU BE MY WIFE IF WE MAKE MONEY OUT OF IT?

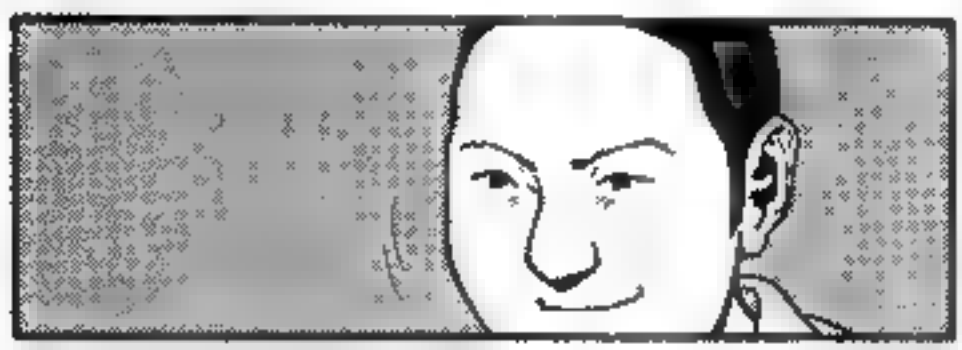
SLEEP ON IT. ♡

LET BYGONES BE BYGONES. I ONLY HAVE THE FUTURE IN MIND.
WHO SAID SHE WOULDN'T FALL IN LOVE WITH ME?



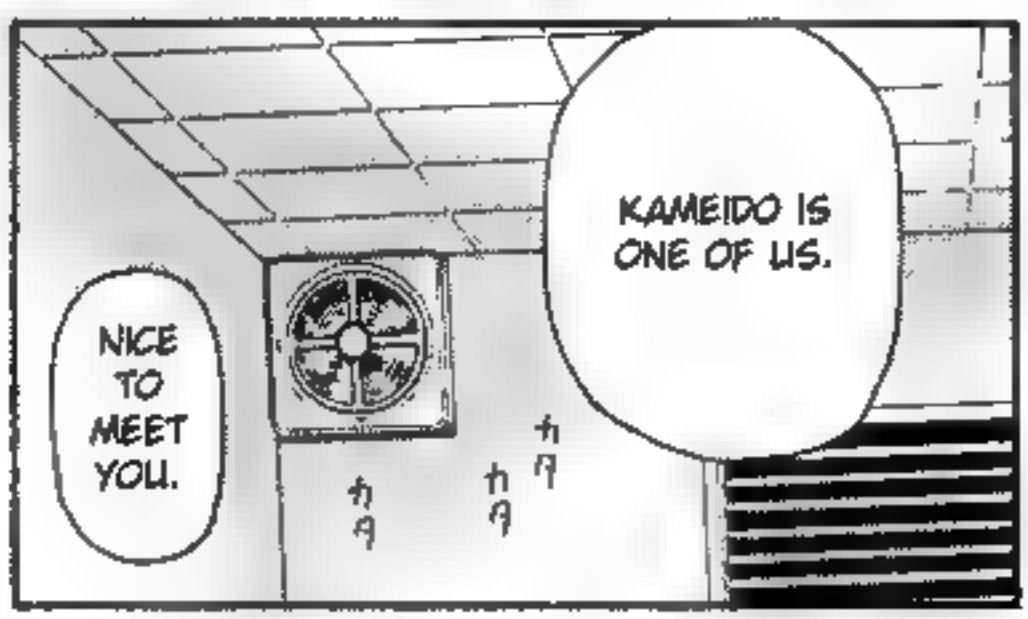

MASTER... ISN'T THAT THE GUY FROM THE OTHER DAY?
YEP.

IT'S JUST THAT, JUNKO IS HANGING ROUND ME.
YOU DON'T SEEM AFFECTED.



THE ONE WHO TORE UP OUR CONTRACT.
I KNEW IT!

EVERYTHING STARTED WITH THE UZUMAKI AFFAIR?
SO...


NICE TO MEET YOU.
KAMEIDO IS ONE OF US.

OUR ORGANIZATION IS FAR FROM BEING IMPORTANT. WE'RE STILL AT AN EARLY STAGE.
THE MACHINE ISN'T ON YET.

BUT THAT WASN'T PLANNED LIKE THIS.
YOU COULD SAY THAT.
YES.
WELL ...

I'M LIKE THE BEETLE THAT PISSES ITSELF WHILE ROLLING HIS DUNG.

IF I REFUSE TO HELP YOU, YOU KILL ME.

MY, MY... I'M INVOLVED IN A STORY AS SILLY AS THAT OF THE GIRL WHO PUT HER FINGER IN THE ASS OF A GUY WITH THE FLU AND SAYS "I'VE FOUND OIL!".

D'OH ?!

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YOU'RE DIVIDED.

HOW CAN YOU TALK OF ORGANIZA-TION?

JUNKO TOLD ME.

IT'S FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE, ISN'T IT?

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HE'S SO FUNNY!

HAHAHAHA

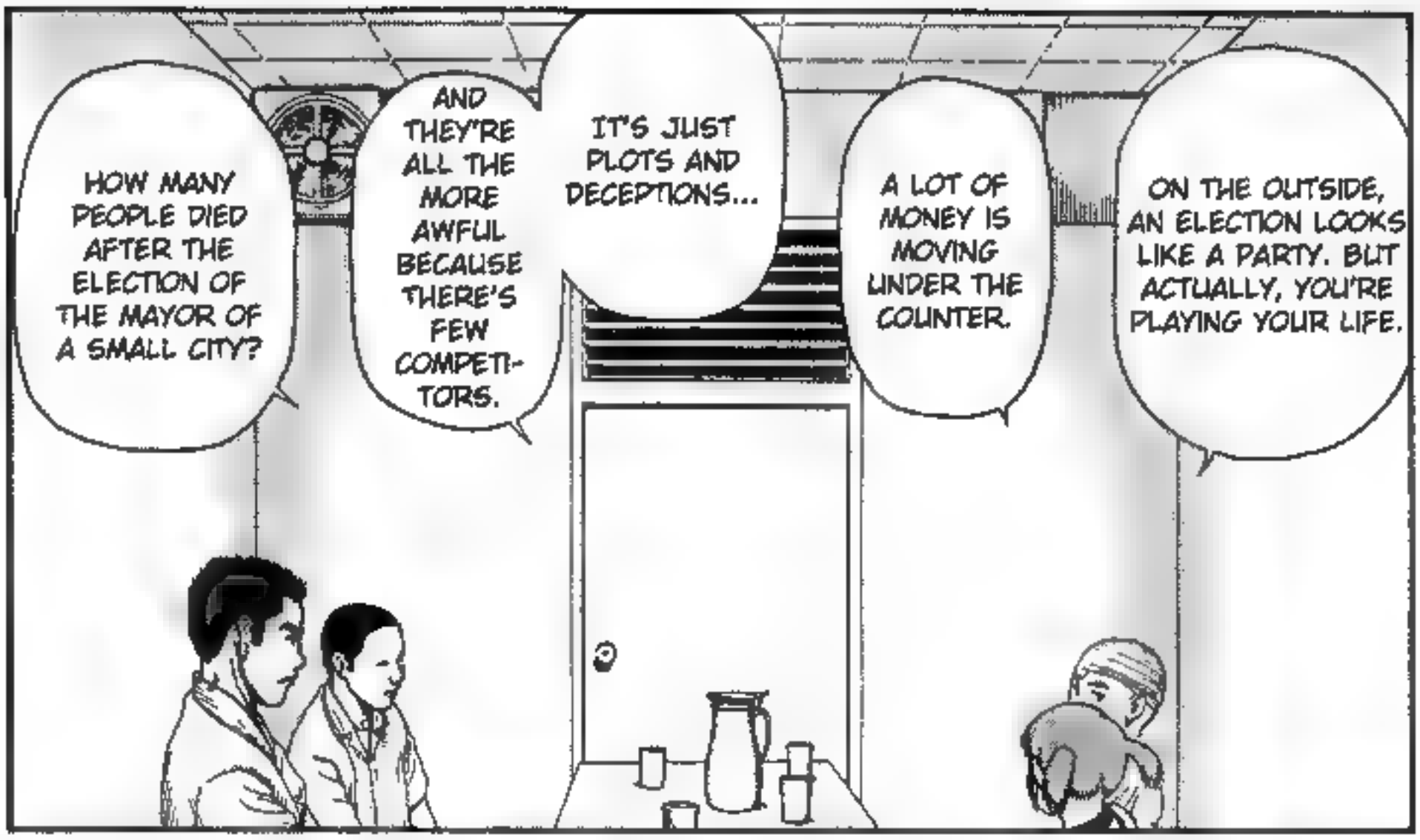
IDIOT!

DOING A COUP WOULD BE EASIER.

Don't talk nonsense.

BUT THE RIGHT TO VOTE DOESN'T INTEREST ME ANY MORE THAN GOING TO A CHARITY FAIR.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE TERRORISTS OR THAT YOU WERE PLANNING A COUP.



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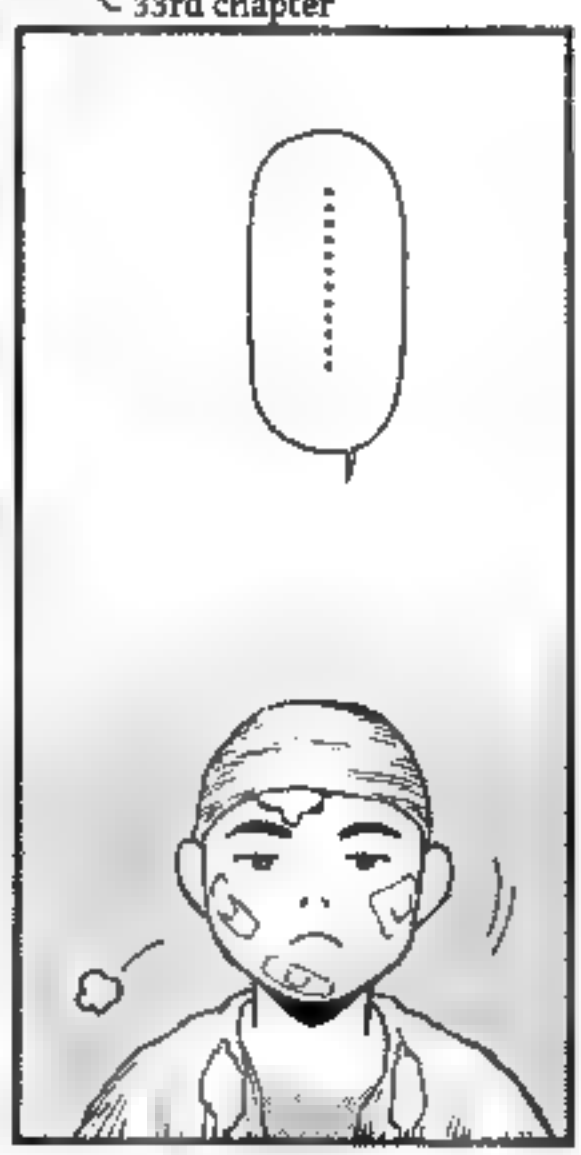

CHEMICALS, ELECTRICAL SPARE PARTS.

I'M GRATEFUL FOR THAT.

All of the supplies (balls of health food, white and black)

white ball . one ration per meal,
black ball one ration per day

White ball

Black ball

Vitamin ball

Minerals ball

THE FOOD, WATER, VITAMINES, MEDICA-MENTS...

THE OASIS GIVES US THE MINIMUM TO SURVIVE IN THE DESERT.

WE WOULDN'T LIKE YOU TO JOIN UP WITH THE OTHER SIDE.

PEOPLE CAN ONLY RELY ON THEMSELVES TO AVOID STARVATION.

THEY WON'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING ELSE.

BUT THAT'S ALL.

WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?

IF THE OLD GEEZER YOU SUPPORT IS ELECTED...

PFF...

THE LAW OF THE FITTEST, EH?

IT'S FINE BY ME.

SPIT IT OUT!

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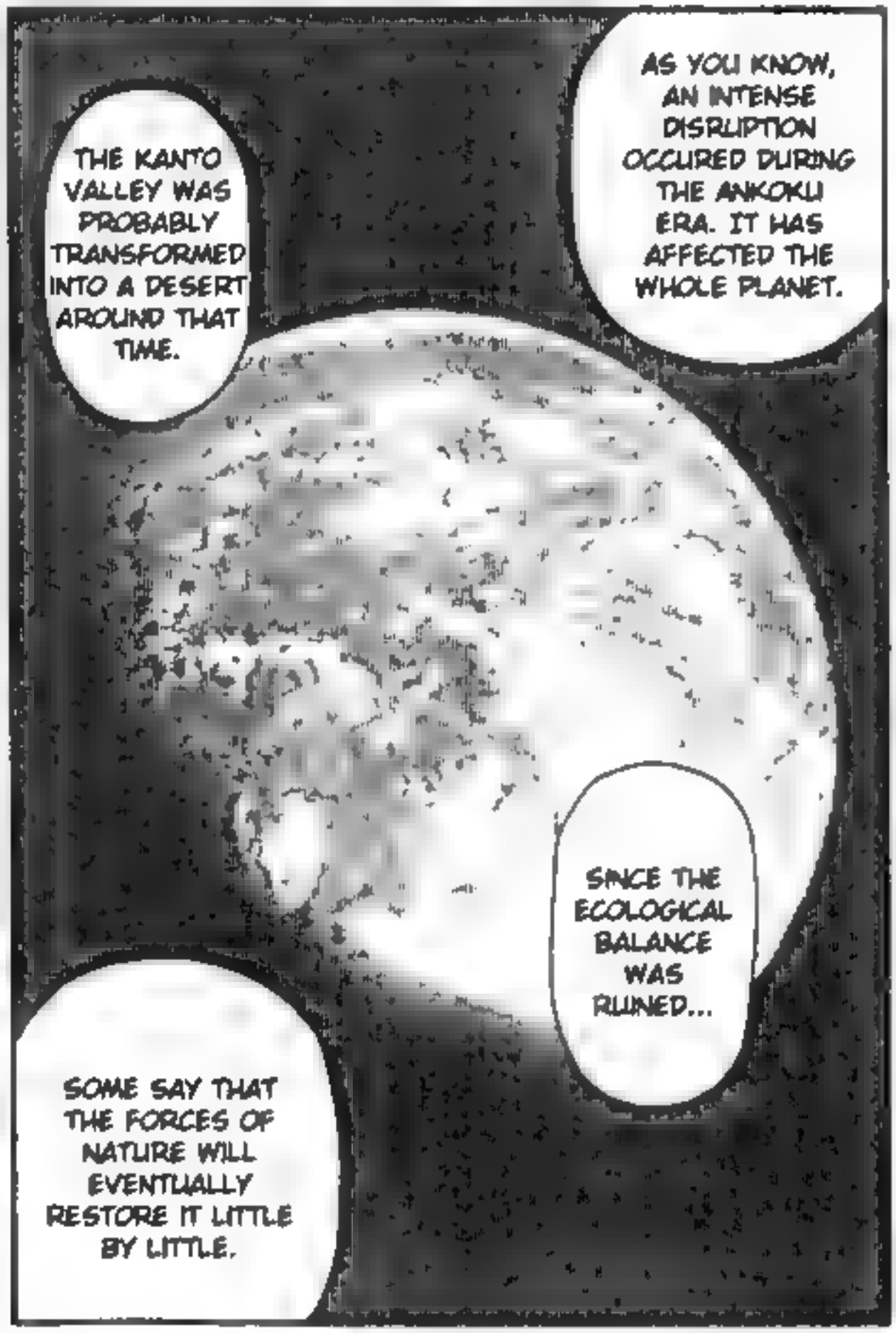
What's normal like?
I JUST DON'T GET ALL THIS CRAP...

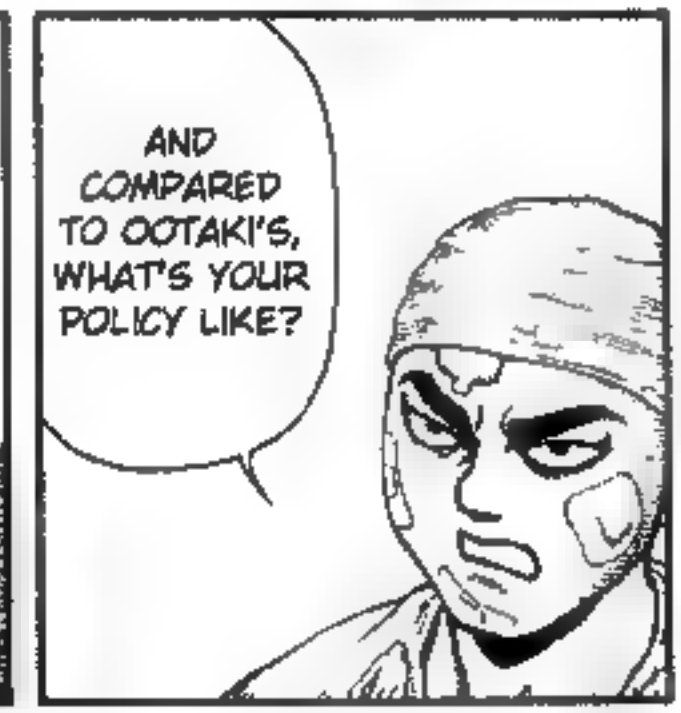
HMM...
THAT HUMAN CAN LIVE IN A BETTER ENVIRONMENT.


AS YOU KNOW, AN INTENSE DISRUPTION OCCURED DURING THE ANKOKU ERA. IT HAS AFFECTED THE WHOLE PLANET.
THE KANTO VALLEY WAS PROBABLY TRANSFORMED INTO A DESERT AROUND THAT TIME.
SINCE THE ECOLOGICAL BALANCE WAS RUINED...
SOME SAY THAT THE FORCES OF NATURE WILL EVENTUALLY RESTORE IT LITTLE BY LITTLE.

THEN THE EARTH WOULD NEED SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF YEARS TO GET BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL STATE.
NEED QUITE SOME PATIENCE!

IN OTHER WORDS, DO NOTHING.
THE OOTAKI PARTY ENCOURAGES NONINTERFERENCE.

TO CHANGE THE DESERT INTO A FERTILE PLAIN AGAIN.
REINTRODUCE THE TECHNICS FROM THE ANKOKU ERA...


AND COMPARED TO OOTAKI'S, WHAT'S YOUR POLICY LIKE?

ONCE I'VE COMPLETED MY MISSION, YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME, AREN'T YOU?
AND THEN, WHEN I'VE SEEN KAIZUKA, WHAT WILL YOU DO?
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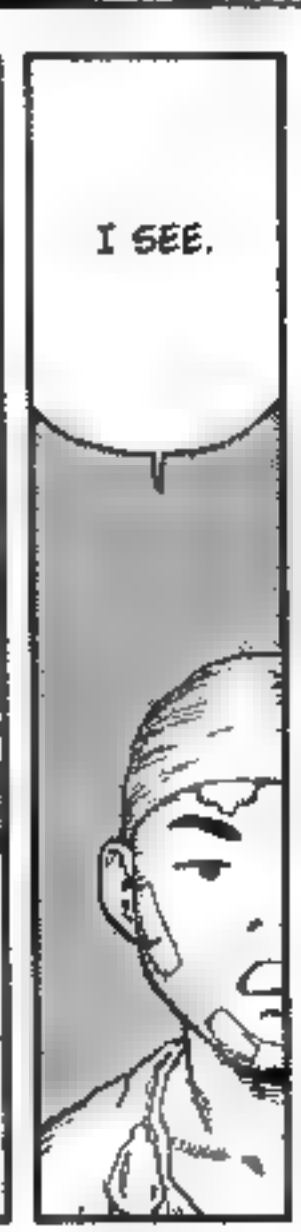
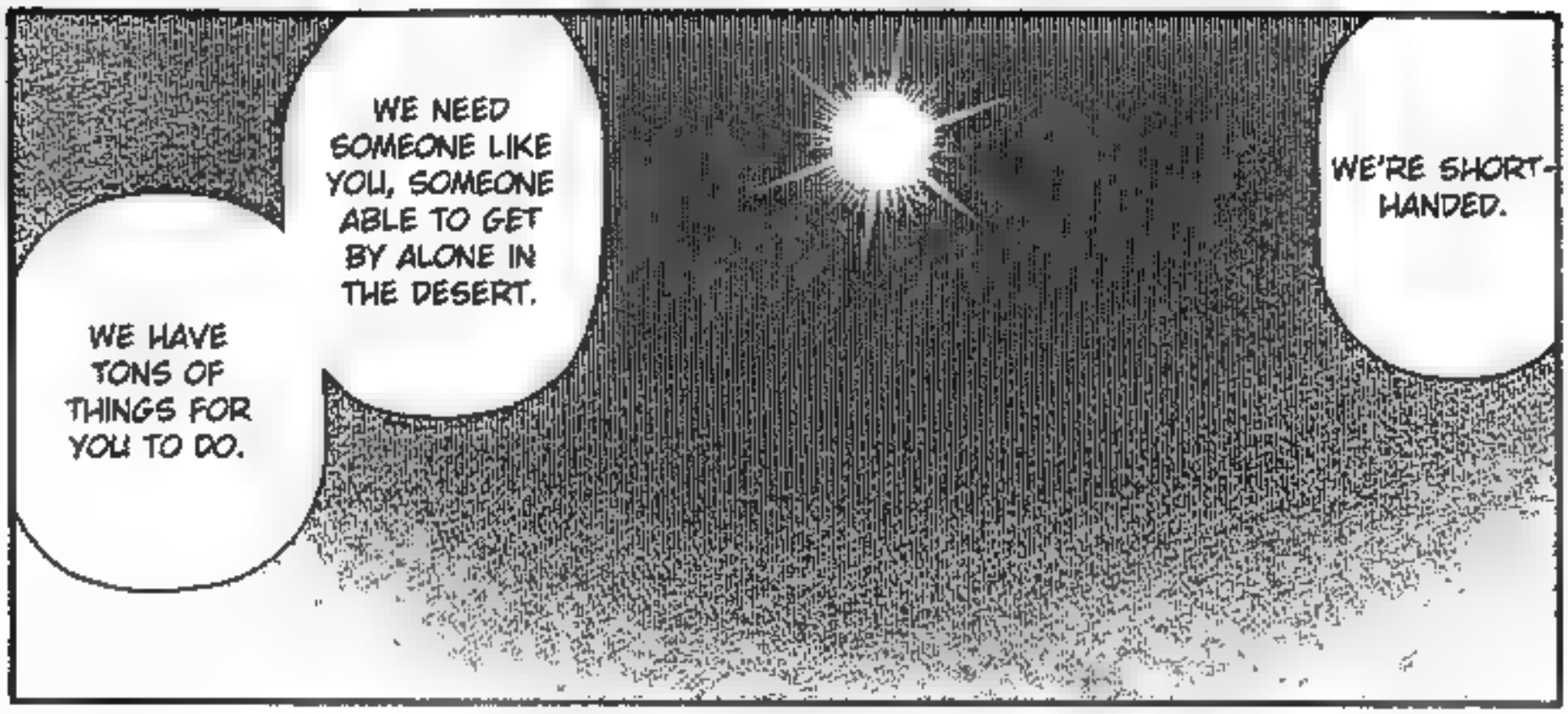

I SEE.

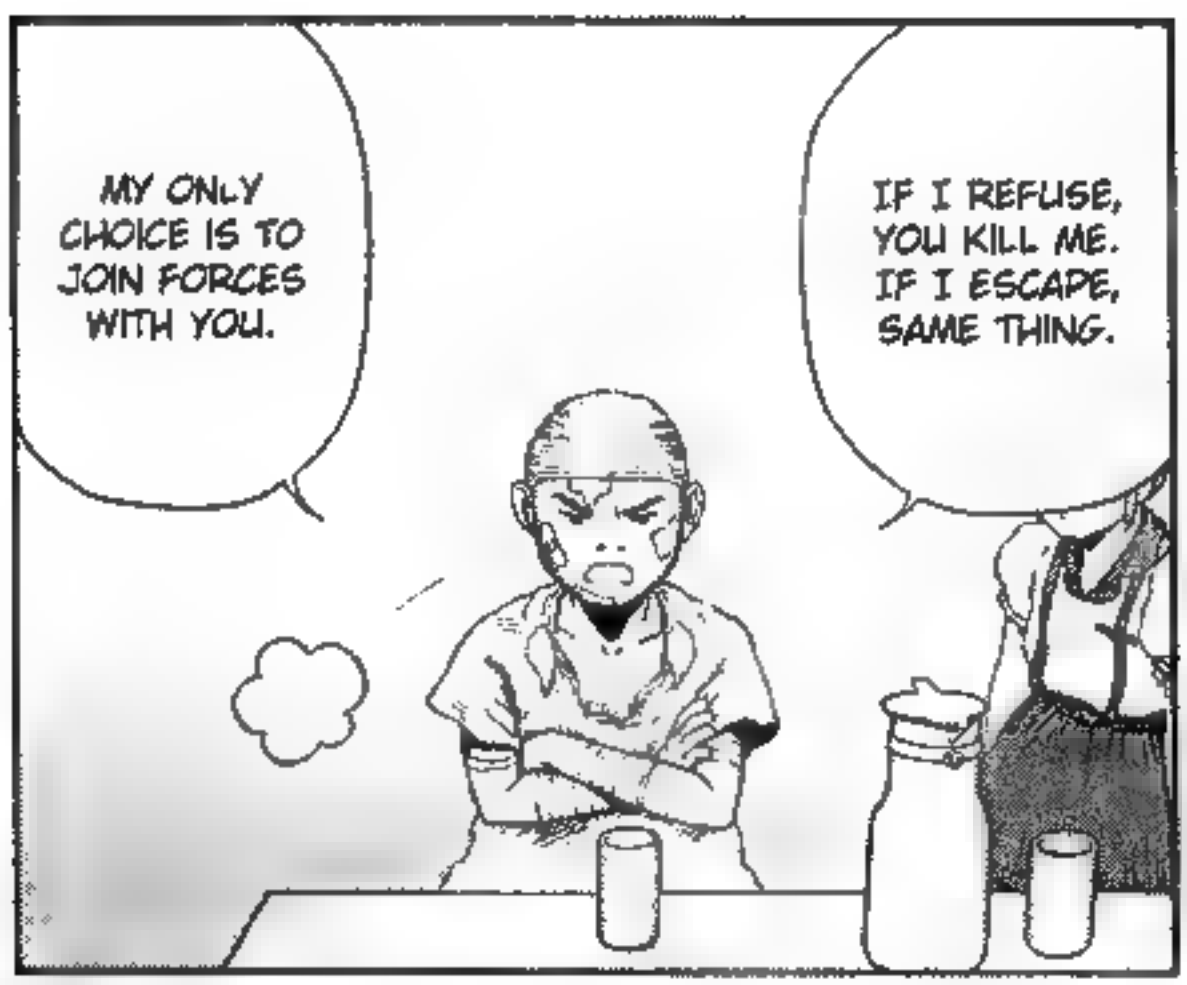
Huuuh?
WE COULD IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS RATHER QUICKLY.


WE HAVE TONS OF THINGS FOR YOU TO DO.
WE NEED SOMEONE LIKE YOU, SOMEONE ABLE TO GET BY ALONE IN THE DESERT.
WE'RE SHORT-HANDED.

A'RIGHT, I WILL....

YOU'RE GONNA HELP THE WEAK SIDE BY SIDE WITH KAIDO?
RRRACH!
SPUT!

COOPERATE.
Aah


MY ONLY CHOICE IS TO JOIN FORCES WITH YOU.
IF I REFUSE, YOU KILL ME. IF I ESCAPE, SAME THING.

WHAT MADE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?

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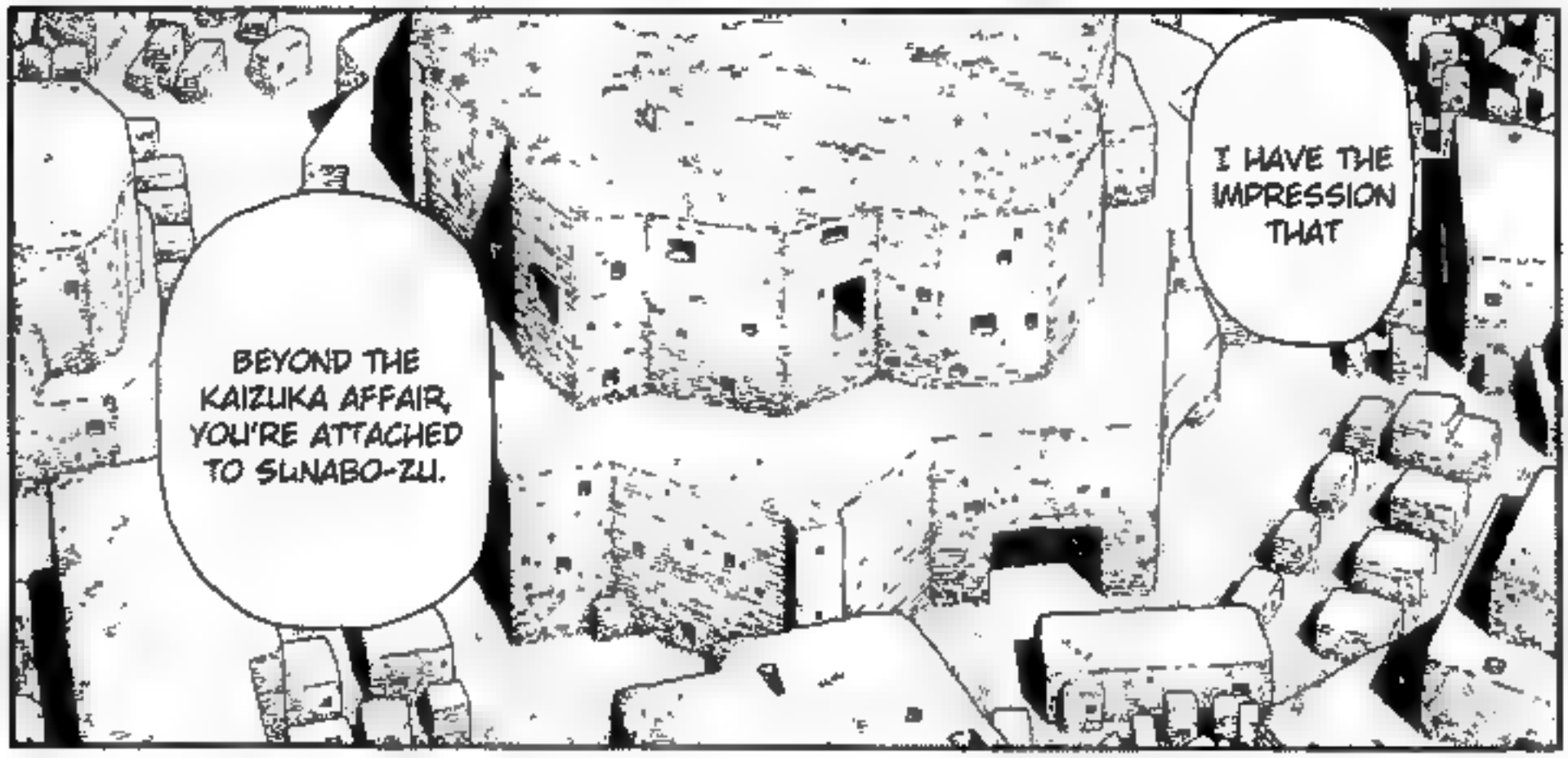
LESSEE, MONEY...

WHAT DO YOU HOPE FOR?

Fair enough

IS THERE ANYTHING CERTAIN IN THIS WORLD?

HOW CAN WE BE SURE YOU WON'T BETRAY US?


BEYOND THE KAIZUKA AFFAIR, YOU'RE ATTACHED TO SUNABO-ZU.
I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT

Tss.

Hylaa.

That's not enough!

I'll give you 10000 yen for touching them!

HE'S YOUR OPPOSITE.

HM...

THAT GUY, HE CAN CORRECT ME.

IF I MAKE A MISTAKE...

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I THINK THAT MY MASTER HAS, ONCE AGAIN, SUCCUMBED TO JUNKO'S CHARMS.

AFTER BECOMING FRIENDS WITH THE ELDERS, EVEN IF MANY THINGS WEREN'T CLEAR, WE LEFT THE OASIS ALONG WITH JUNKO AND OUR MONEY, AS AGREED.

I UNDERSTOOD AFTERWARD HOW BIG HIS AMBITION WAS, AND IT GAVE ME THE SHIVERS.

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SUNABO-ZU'S GUN COLLECTION 8

I really hesitated to include a rifle I like, the K1-A1. Since its worksmanship is similar to that of the M-16, I thought it would be too fragile to be used in the desert. On the other hand, without second thoughts, I used models with rotative bolts while it's ill advised to use them in the desert, like the XM (a sort of mini M-16).
While I'm at it, it's better to entrust your weapon to someone who's capable of keeping it in good shape. Anywoo, what's important is that I like this rifle.

High Power – 40 S&W (Belgium)

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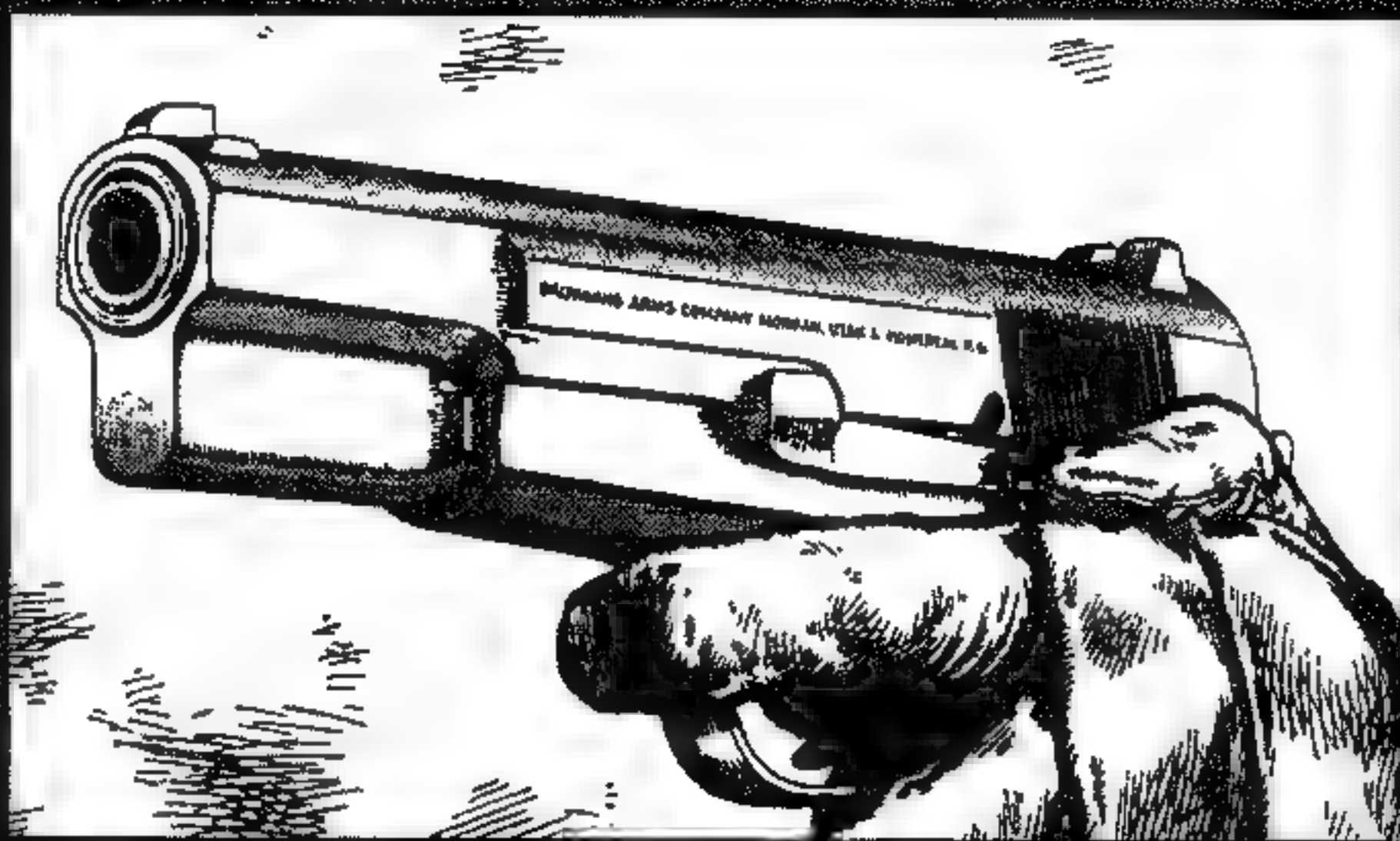

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※ Ljungman system : direct impingement gas system. Compared to the regular gas-operated system, the cleaning is more delicate.

High Power – 40 S&W (Belgium)

Total length:	838 mm (grip folded : 645 mm)	Caliber:	5,56 mm X 45
Barrel length:		Mechanism:	semi-automatic gas-operated
Weight:	2880g	Rifling:	6 grooves to the right

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Type 56 (China)

Total length:	872 mm	Caliber:	7,62 mm X 39
Barrel length:	414 mm	Mechanism:	semi-automatic gas-operated
Weight:	3870g	Rifling:	4 grooves to the right

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You'll discover it in the 9th volume.

Patience, patience !

He's definitely up to something!

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